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THE MAILED FIST TRIUMPHS

Italian Troops Occupy Tirana: King Zog Seeks Refuge
Spirited Albanian Resistance Smashed By Sheer Weight Of Numbers



King Zog of Albania, whose present whereabouts are unknown.

GERMAN FORCES IN LOWER AUSTRIA INCREASED BY EIGHT DIVISIONS

ITALIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED TIRANA, CAPITAL OF ALBANIA, KING ZOG AND HIS CLOSEST ADVISERS HAVE FLED INTO HILL FASTNESSES, AND ORGANISED RESISTANCE TO THE ITALIAN INVASION MAY BE REGARDED AS VIRTUALLY AT AN END.

A flood of messages leaves the situation still obscure, but, all reports agree that the Albanians put up a spirited resistance, being overcome by weight of numbers, heavy artillery and a mass of warplanes.

Partial Mobilisation In Four States

London, Yesterday. Switzerland, Greece and Yugoslavia have followed the example of the Netherlands in ordering partial mobilisation following Italy's brutal invasion of Albania.

Switzerland and Greece are understood to have embarked on extensive measures. Yugoslavia is adopting more cautious tactics, but has called many technical experts to the Colours.

While the Netherlands Government does not consider the international situation after Italy's invasion of Albania disquieting, it has taken measures to protect the coasts and frontiers.

A restricted number of reservists have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness. — Reuter.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS

Attlee Demands Recall of Commons

London, Yesterday. A meeting of Ministers was held at No. 10, Downing Street this morning to review the situation arising out of Italian invasion of Albania.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, presided in the absence of Mr. Chamberlain. Lord Halifax and all the Defence Ministers were present.

The Prime Minister, who is in Scotland on a brief fishing holiday, will decide within the next few hours whether or not it is necessary for him to return to London. He is in constant touch with his colleagues by telephone.

Lord Halifax gave the Ministers a full account of events in Albania within the last 24 hours. While the Cabinet was meeting, Mr. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, called at No. 10 and requested the immediate recall of Parliament to discuss the Albanian occupation.

A similar request was telegraphed to Mr. Chamberlain by the Opposition Liberals. — Reuter.

NO DECISION TAKEN

The Cabinet meeting lasted until shortly before 1 p.m. after discussions occupying one and a half hours.

An official communique on the meeting is expected to be issued later to-day.

It is learned from a reliable source that no decision was taken regarding the British attitude towards the Italian invasion of Albania. — Trans-Ocean.

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED

A communique was issued at the conclusion of the meeting.

It says that in spite of information available, a complete picture of the situation is impossible and the Government is still in the dark regarding a number of factors.

All Ministers will remain in or near London for the time being, though no date has been set for

CONFESSION LEAKS OUT

Rome, Yesterday.

An admission that the invasion of Albania was undertaken with the sole idea of obtaining Italian prominence in the Adriatic, is contained in the newspaper "Tevere."

Albania, the paper says, is the strategic key position in the Balkans, since it borders on Yugoslavia and Greece and lies within striking distance of both Bulgaria and Rumania. — Trans-Ocean.

GREECE TAKES HIGH ALARM

Paris, Yesterday.

Diplomatic activity was resumed to-day at the Quai d'Orsay, where the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, saw the Greek Minister and the Polish Ambassador.

It is learned that developments in Albania have been causing considerable apprehension in Greece, where the question is being asked whether the Italians intend to reach out towards the Near East and in particular towards Macedonia or Greece.

The Polish Ambassador informed M. Bonnet of the conversations he had yesterday with Col. Beck, the Polish Ambassador, whom he met at Calais. — Reuter.

the next meeting of the Cabinet. Decision as to the summoning of Parliament rests with Mr. Chamberlain, who has not yet had time to consider the request of the Opposition. — Trans-Ocean.

A big crowd collected in Downing Street to watch the arrival of Ministers at the Cabinet meeting, but nothing occurred in the way of

King Zog's whereabouts are not known. An Italian report says he has fled across the border, but the "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent in Tirana says that the King left only an hour or two before the Italian entry and is believed to be organising guerillas.

GRENADIERS ARRIVE IN PLANES!

Tirana's occupation was effected almost simultaneously by two Italian detachments. One armoured car section had reached the capital by "forced marches" from Durazzo, while several companies of Grenadiers were landed at Tirana airport by huge troop-carrying planes.

A delegation was sent down from Tirana to Durazzo in a last effort to find a solution, but the negotiations came to nothing.

Rome alleges that King Zog was responsible and says that he had done his utmost to spin out the negotiations to gain time.

It is known, however, that the King made an eloquent appeal to the country to resist to the bitter end. In a dramatic message to the Italian people, he declared over Tirana's radio: In this tragic hour, the Albanian people cherish the watchword of Signor Mussolini, "that a race which does not defend itself does not deserve to live."

GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS

In the meantime, there are reports of extensive Italian and German troop movements. The German forces in Lower Austria are reported to have been increased by at least eight divisions, but there is no indication of the purpose of the concentration.

Full reports of the destruction in the initial Italian attacks is still not available, but foreign press correspondents state that planes and warships engaged in repeated bombardments of the principal towns before landing and that casualties among the civilian populations are high.

The whole Albanian army had only 100 field guns and the challenge to Mussolini's mailed fist was presented principally by rifles.

5.30 H.K. Time

Rome, Yesterday. Italian troops entered Tirana at 8.30 (Greenwich Time) this morning.

POLISH BORDER MENACE DENIED

BERLIN, YESTERDAY. RUMOURS OF TROOP MOVEMENTS ON THE POLISH FRONTIERS ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Any troop movements taking place, it is explained, concern troops returning to their stations from Moravia and Bohemia.

In order to emphasise the calm that prevails it is pointed out that soldiers are being granted leave to

King Zog and his Government had already left the city for an unknown destination, believed to be Elbasan.

During the night, armed bands kept the capital in a panic with intermittent firing. At one time they threatened the Italian Legation but withdrew before attacking.

Bridge Blown Up

Order was later restored by gendarmic officers assisted by the Italian military attaché and a number of citizens. Many rioters were arrested.

The Italian troops had made a forced march from Durazzo, where they halted for a brief period owing to the blowing up of the Sciah bridge over the

PERFECT VICTIM FOR BIG BULLY

London, Yesterday.

Disgust and dismay marks the comment of the democratic newspapers on events in Albania.

The majority of the London papers echo the sentiments of the "News-Chronicle" which says that it must have shocked the conscience of many Italians that Mussolini should have celebrated Good Friday in this way.

"The Times" regards it as part of a concerted reply by the totalitarian States to the activities of the anti-aggression countries.

The "New York Times" says that Albania provoked Italy to action by being little and weak. Albania was the perfect victim for a big bully whose bluff had just been called by someone his own size.

The Italian public is permitted to know what is going on only by a series of bulletins, which make light of the fighting and suggest that the Italian troops are being given a welcome by applauding Albanian

ROME RUMOUR

Britain To Take Corfu

Rome, Yesterday.

British Royal Marines are to land on the Greek island of Corfu!

This is the latest of many rumours which have been circulating in the Italian capital.

Basis for the rumours is apparently the fact that two squadrons of the British Mediterranean Fleet arrived off Corfu yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

KING CAROL'S NEW ANXIETIES

Paris, Yesterday.

The Rumanian Minister has been recalled to Bucharest to make a personal statement to King Carol on the French attitude towards the international situation.

There is increasing apprehension in Rumania that totalitarian attention may soon be turned in Rumania's direction.

STOP PRESS

Berlin, Yesterday. The Albanian Minister has protested to the Reich against Italy's action in Albania. — Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who has been in telegraphic touch with Downing Street, is returning to London to-night, according to enquiries at the home of Lord Forbes in Aberdeenshire, where the Prime Minister was to have spent Easter. — Reuter.

King Zog has arrived in Greece.

Mussolini is expected to arrive in Tirana to-day (Sunday).

Italy has concentrated two engineer regiments and one motorised anti-tank regiment at Brindisi.

It is reported from Istanbul that four Soviet destroyers passed through the Bosphorus into the Mediterranean yesterday afternoon.

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Boarding-School For The Only Child?

By "D. I."

IS Boarding-school the only
complete and happy solution
for the problem of the only
child?

There is a lot to be said for
and against this question, I
think, and one can have nothing
but admiration for the courage
of a mother who can part with
her only son for boarding-school
at the age of six. It parades
of the qualities of the Biblical
Hannah, which moved her to ac-
cuse her son Samuel to the
care of Eli in the temple. One
cannot picture without emotion
the pangs of that mother's heart
as she departed home after her
yearly pilgrimage, and the deliv-
ery of the little coat each
year a size larger. But Hannah
had no doubts in her mind as to
the welfare of her child's soul.
She had dedicated him to God.

Can a mother, sending her
child to boarding-school for the
sake of companionship to escape
loneliness and introspection, be
sure that he is not losing more
than he will gain, from the lack
of the eternal vigilance of the
eye of love, which nature has
given only to parents, and can
be sublimated in school teachers
and school guardians in a mark-
edly lesser degree—for one
thing, they simply have not the
time—and the lack of the
security which every little child
needs and which only the atmo-
sphere of home can provide?

I have two children. The boy
is now seven and the girl
not yet four. Virtually you can
say they are only children. They
are not companions. The differ-
ence in age of young children is
very much more marked than
later. She cannot attain to his
level; he can only descend to
hers, which of course he only
sometimes cares to do, and then
maybe with more or less disas-
trous results.

We have all experienced those
exasperating times when there
is a tendency for jumping on the
springs of lounge chairs, or lin-
ing them up as railway trains,
or setting up the card tables and
draping them with rugs and
cushions for cubby-houses on a
wet day; those moments when
it takes all one's temper, protect
the smaller with justice and
fairness to both, and try to see
the humour of the situation.

It is a different matter, how-
ever, when the boy brings home
a kindred spirit from the same
form at day school for an after-
noon's play. They are perfect-
ly happy, tinkering with a me-
cano set, whittling bows and
arrows, or even turning the
pages of the same book or atlas
and arguing about the pictures.
That is companionship.

GOOD TO BE ALONE

I think it is good for a child
to learn to be alone sometimes
when he is young and to make

his own amusements. The world
is too full of adults who are
afraid to be alone; people who
feel that their afternoon or
evening has been wasted unless



Cambridge Undergraduates are
some of the first volunteers for the
new Women's Land Army, which
has been formed to train women in
Land Service so that they may be
called upon in case of emergency.
Photo shows one of the undergrad-
uates wearing the special National
Service arm band.

they are playing bridge or
watching races or seeing a film;
people who feel a grudge
against society in general and
their friends in particular if
they find themselves alone in a
house with only a book.

The great things of the world
have all been done by people
who have been content to spend
much greater time alone than
they did in company.

I think children are only in-
trospective if it is forced upon
them from without. Naturally
they take themselves for grant-
ed.

An only child may be lonely,
if it has no playmates, before it
reaches school age, and to solve
this problem I believe a good
day nursery school is an excel-
lent outlet.

But a child need never lack
companionship once it is old
enough to go to a day school.

If the day comes when we all
push our children off to board-
ing-school as soon as the school
will take them, I believe it will
be the first toll in the death-
knell of home life, and it will be
only a matter of time and de-
gree, but not of kind, until we
are producing the sort of people
who live in Huxley's "Brave New
World."

I do not intend to send my son
to boarding-school except as a
prelude to finding his feet be-
fore going to a university, or the
wider world when he takes a
man's responsibility, and for
this I think that two years at a
boarding-school should be am-
ply adequate.

—D.I.

A Crinoline Wedding



Miss Freda Traugott, who was married on March 26 at Duke St.
wore a crinoline gown which is a copy of the gown worn by Norma
Shearer in "Marie Antoinette." Bridesmaids and other guests
also wore crinolines. Photo shows a close-up of the bride before the
ceremony, showing her remarkable headpiece.

Finger Tip Massage

The exact opposite to an oily
skin is one which is dry and
flaky. This type of skin condition
calls for treatments which will
feed and nourish it. Wring a
towel or face-cloth out in a hot
water and then hold it over the
face for a few minutes. This
will open up the pores of the
skin and make it more receptive
for its nourishment. Then
lightly massage oil into the skin
with the fingertips, continually
applying oil until the skin has
absorbed as much as is possible.

If you prefer if you can mas-
sage with skin food or nourish-
ing cream. It is really immater-
ial what is used, providing it is
nourishing and oily. This treat-
ment can be repeated once or
even twice a day.

ments. Wrap a small piece of
ice in a face cloth and then mas-
sage this quickly and lightly
over the face and the neck. This
will tone up the skin consider-
ably, and, providing the ice is
not allowed to remain for more
than a very brief period on the
skin, no harm can result.

STEAM TREATMENT

Enlarged pores are another
beauty blemish which must be
treated immediately. Often they
are very stubborn, and will need
great perseverance before any
noticeable result is apparent.
Steam the face over hot water
each night, then massage a gen-
erous portion of cream into the
skin. Finally wipe the cream
from the skin with cleansing

water and antiseptic soap, dry,
and then slap the skin with a
good, strong astringent.

BETWEEN US GIRLS

By Esther



Milk-made pud-
dings rank high in
the list of dessert
"favourites," for
even though they're
nourishing they
have a delicacy that

makes them a fitting end for any
meal. Caramel Pecan Pudding
is particularly appealing and is
most attractive moulded in a
large ring and garnished with
toasted pecan halves. (To make
it even more partyish, serve in
individual moulds with a sprin-
kling of chopped nuts on top.)

The intriguing caramel fla-
vour of this pudding is produc-
ed by caramelizing part of the
sugar. Contrary to popular be-
lief, there's no trick to caram-
elizing sugar. The important
thing is to see that every grain
of sugar is melted before you
add the water.

Caramel Pecan Pudding

½ cup sugar, caramelized
2 cups boiling water
5 tbsp. cornstarch
½ cup sugar
½ tsp. salt
2 cups Carnation Evaporated
Milk

½ cup pecans, chopped
½ tsp. vanilla
Caramelize ½ cup sugar by
heating slowly in a skillet or
shallow saucepan until com-
pletely melted. Stir as little as
possible. Add water slowly and
boil until no lumps remain. Mix
cornstarch, ½ cup sugar and
salt. Add milk a little at a time,
stirring to blend well. Stir in
the caramel syrup. Cook over
boiling water until thickened,
stirring frequently. Cover and

cook 15 minutes longer. Remove
from heat, add vanilla and nuts
and pour into moulds that have
been rinsed with cold water.
Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

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sible to incorporate a large
amount of whole milk nutrients
in combination with the needed
sunshine vitamin D. What finer
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its needed milk quota than in
Caramel Pecan Pudding!

Camouflage

I wonder how we'd like our-
selves,
Devoid of all disguise;
For, minus camouflage, I fear
Weird sights would greet our
eyes.
Without some tight restraining
things,
Would most forms look so
sweet?

How 'bout those coiffures which
can make
An ugly face look sweet?
And, lacking artificial aids,
Our cheeks would show few
roses;

There'd be less sparkle in our
smiles—
And more shine on our noses.
We swear we shun deception—
and

At thoughts of sham we'd
faint!—
But, tell the truth, don't you
prefer
To look like what we ain't?

Definition

A metallurgist is one who
can look at a platinum blonde
and tell whether she's precious
metal or just common ore.

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in a room quickly removes
any unpleasant odour of stale
smoke.

If you machine around the
tops of children's socks when
new they will never become
baggy.

To remove mildew from de-
licate material, try methy-
lated spirit with a little soap in
it.

BEFORE painting round a
window, rub the glass over
with a cloth moistened with
kerosene. Paint-splashes will
not stick to glass so treated, and
can be easily rubbed off when
the painting is finished.

A SQUEEZE of lemon juice
added to the ingredients of a
steak and kidney pie or pud-
ding brings out the flavour, and
the meat will be more tender.

MOISTEN a little whiting
with lemon juice and place
on stained ivory for several
hours. Then clean and polish
with a soft cloth.

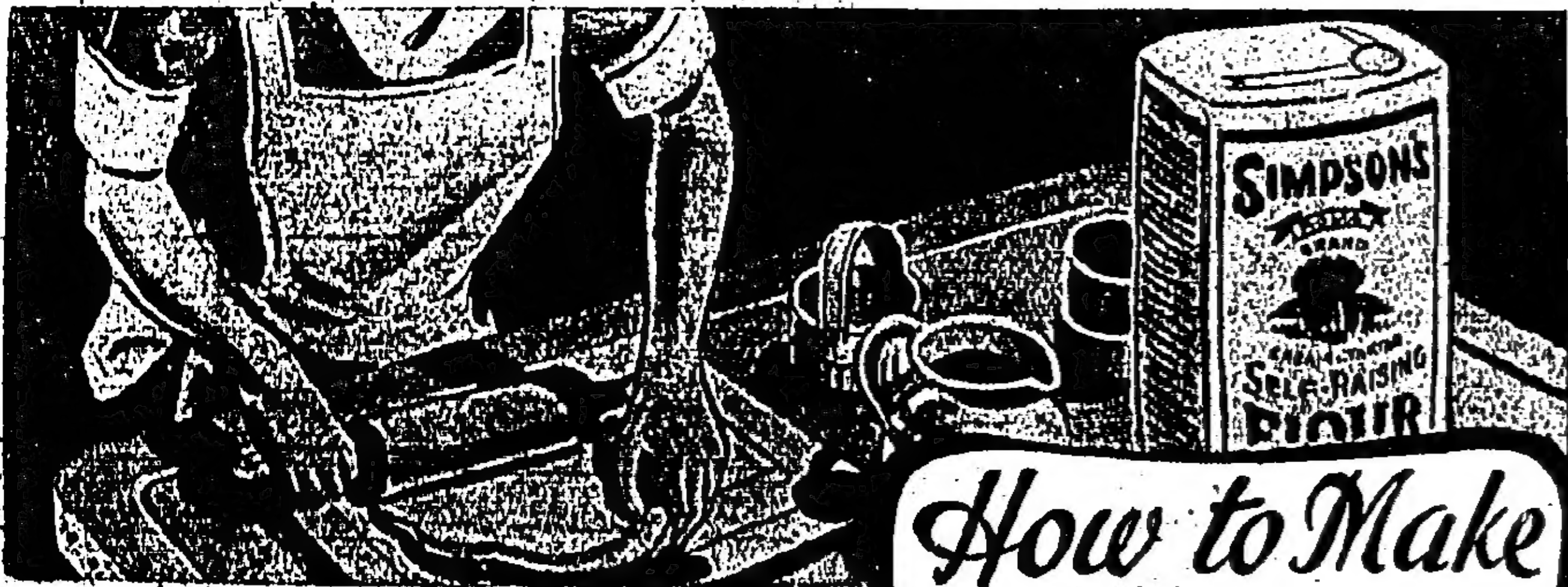
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½ cup shortening
1 cup chopped, cooked prunes, unsweetened
¼ cup sugar
Sift flour, salt and cocoa twice. Cream shortening and lemon rind; gradually add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add well-beaten eggs. Add dry ingredients, alternately with the milk. Beat until smooth. Add prunes and nuts, blending well. Bake in a greased tube-cake pan in a moderate oven (350 degs.) about 45 minutes. Cool cake, with chocolate icing and sprinkle with chopped walnuts. This recipe makes a dark, moist cake, which will keep well.

Hitler Has Unified British Opinion

BY the annexation Herr Hitler has gained much, but he has lost far more. In the short run he gains territory, subjects, munitions, gold, industries, armament works; strategically he is able to put fresh pressure on Poland, Rumania, Hungary. But in the long run he has become what Dr. Johnson called "a man having the hiss of the world against him." He has aroused the intensest alarm of all his neighbours. "He who makes many afraid of him has himself many to fear." He has brought

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SPECIALISTS IN PASTEURIZATION

AXIS MEDITERRANEAN PLOT

Italian Invasion A Violation Of Anglo-Italian Agreement

CHALLENGE TO UNOFFICIAL CENSORSHIP

London, Yesterday.

The speech made by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Stanhope, on board the aircraft-carrier "Ark Royal," in reference to the manning of anti-aircraft guns, was again mentioned in the House of Commons before the Easter recess.

Mr. Dingle Foot (Liberal) said that use of the "D-Notice"—Government request to the British press to refrain from publishing an item of news—had been extended to a matter which was not confidential.

If this was to be done, he argued, it meant that the Government was establishing an unofficial censorship of newspapers.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in reply, admitted that use of the "D-Notice" in this case had not been justified.

It was a mistake, he said, and he promised that greater care would be taken in future.—Reuter.

B.M.A. AND N.Z. SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Wellington, N.Z., Yesterday.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, stated to-day that the Government will extend the benefits of the Social Security Act as rapidly as possible.

It had been impossible to introduce the maternity benefits of the Act owing to the attitude of the British Medical Association which had refused to co-operate, having rejected the whole scheme.

THEFT IN SHOP

Miss Anderson, residing at room No. 210 Gloucester Hotel, has reported that while shopping yesterday in a store in Gloucester Building, her handbag containing a gold chain bracelet, a compact, and \$16 in money was stolen from the counter.

Mr. F. Rasch, residing at Ropul Bay Hotel, has reported the loss of a pocket watch valued at \$70, while travelling in a ricksha between the Western district and Bluke Pier, yesterday afternoon.



Over 10,000 members of the newly formed Military Students Training Corps assembled recently in Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, before General Pei Chung-hai. The top photo shows the women members of the Corps and in the photo below are seen the steel-helmeted male students.

New Stimulus To British Recruiting WOMEN ROLLING UP IN THEIR THOUSANDS

ITALY PLEASSED WITH BELGRADE

Belgrade, Yesterday.

The Italian Minister has expressed the "gratitude of Italy to Yugoslavia for her friendly attitude in the Albanian question."

It is reported that Mussolini has sent a special despatch to the Yugoslav Government, though the contents are not revealed.—Trans-Ocean.

YOUNGEST TITLE WINNER

Johannesburg, Yesterday.

E. Sturgess, the 19-year-old Southern Transvaal player, to-day became the youngest ever to win the South African Men's Singles Tennis Championship when he defeated E. Fanning, the South African Davis Cup player, in the final.

Scores in Sturgess's favour were 6-2, 9-7, 3-6, 6-8 and 7-6.—Reuter.

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Effect May Be Exactly Reverse Of Expected

London, Yesterday.

Little by little the German-Italian plan for Mediterranean domination emerges, comments the political correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" this morning.

Italy commands the middle Mediterranean in any case.

In Spain, the Germans and Italians are consolidating the position they achieved before the victory of General Franco.

By their growing influence over the Falangist movement, and by the foothold they secured in Majorca, Spanish Morocco and various Spanish ports, they are making a powerful bid for command of the Western Mediterranean.

Germany, by threatening to push on in a south-easterly direction, and by her effort to secure political and economic influence in Yugoslavia, and Italy by her action in Albania, are preparing to establish ascendancy in the Eastern Mediterranean.

After discussing the effect of the German-Italian "conquest" of Albania on Yugoslavia, Greece and Rumania, the correspondent adds it would be ridiculous to suggest that Italy's action does not change the status quo in the Mediterranean, and it is therefore a violation of the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

The correspondent concluded: "The eyes of the British Government must be opened in regard to Mussolini as they were in regard to Hitler."

"NEW SHOCK TO PEACE"

Albania overshadows all other news in the British press this morning, one heading being "New shock to peace."

Developments have occurred with such rapidity that news is meagre at best, both news correspondents in the Albanian capital and the British Legation not having been able to keep pace with events.

For this reason the British Government has not yet made any official comment on the situation.

The "Daily Telegraph" says in a leading article that the situation leaves no doubt but that it is a flagrant attack on a small and defenceless nation.

SHARE IN AXIS

Speculating on the reason for the invasion, the newspaper says Mussolini wanted to convince Italians that the Berlin-Rome Axis was not for the sole benefit of Germany, and he also saw an opportunity of gaining an important strategic position which in the event of a new European war, would be used as a base of operation against Yugoslavia and Greece.

In is also possible, says the paper, that Mussolini wants to convince these countries of the dangers that would attend their joining the anti-aggression line-up.

Every encroachment upon Albanian sovereignty, say the paper, represents a violation of the Easter Pact between Britain and Italy, main object of which was to maintain the status quo in the Mediterranean.

REVERSE EFFECT

It is predicted that the Italian action may not have the desired effect of intimidating other Balkan countries but may decide them to turn to Britain.

In this connection, the paper mentions the talks on Thursday between the Rumanian Minister in London, M. Tilea, and Col. Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, as well as the two visits to the British Foreign Office of M. Tilea.

The paper says the effects of the Italian aggression are not confined to Europe but are noticeable throughout the Mohammedan world.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

KING'S MESSAGE TO DAME LYONS

Sydney, Yesterday.

The King has telegraphed condolences to Dame Lyons, wife of the Australian Prime Minister who died two days ago.

The telegram refers to Mr. Lyons' "eminent services to Australia, which will be remembered with gratitude throughout the Empire."—Reuter.

POPE MAY MAKE ADDRESS ON POLITICS

ROME, YESTERDAY.

POPE PIUS XII IS EXPECTED TO MAKE IMPORTANT REFERENCES TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN HIS BROADCAST SPEECH ON SUNDAY MORNING.

It is thought His Holiness may touch on the Polish situation, as the Vatican is understood to be pursuing an active policy and mediation between Poland and Germany.

The Pope has forbidden clapping and cheering, which hitherto has always marked the entry of the Holy Father into St. Peter's on ceremonial occasions.—Reuter.

MURDERED CONSUL BURIED

Mosul, Yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. G. E. A. C. Monck-Mason, the British Consul at Mosul, who was stoned to death by a mob, took place here to-day.

—Reuter.

KWEIYANG RAIDED

Kweilin, Yesterday.

Further unascertained damage was inflicted on air-raid devastated Kweiyang by a squadron of seven Japanese planes at 10.15 o'clock this morning.—Central News.

VATICAN EASTER BROADCAST

Vatican City, Yesterday.

The Easter ceremony at St. Peter's will be broadcast at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning. No official announcement has been made regarding a speech by the Pope.—Reuter.

The big drive to enroll 17,000 women motorists for A.R.P. ambulances in London is meeting with eager response.

"HITLER OUR BEST RECRUITING SERGEANT"

The Labour M.P. and Leader of the London County Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking at Mansion House at a National Service meeting, said: "Hitler has been our best recruiting sergeant. Every time he has made a move there has been a dramatic jump in volunteers."

The Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking at Manchester, said that the aircraft industry, which had recently been considerably extended, was now working at full capacity with speed and energy.

The basis of production, he said, had been greatly broadened, and some 3,500 firms were now engaged in sub-contracting work.

He could confidently say that the new aircraft now being issued to our bomber and fighter forces were the best in the world.

DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT

Labour experts emphasise that the drop of 169,789 in unemployed, the greatest in a single month for ten years, is in no way solely due to rearmament work.

The "Financial News" says that orders for nearly 30 new tramps and cargo liners have been placed since the Government subsidy was announced last week.

Some North-East coast yards, the journal says, are already booked to capacity.—Reuter.

No. 28 Tai Yuen Street, was entered and jewellery to the value of \$100 was stolen.—Reuter.



Hundreds of babies were blessed at a special service given by Father George Barrett, S.J., and Father Frederick Copleston, S.J., at St. George's Catholic Church, Walthamstow, on March 26. After preaching a sermon to their parents, the babies were one by one blessed at the altar-rails. Photo shows Father Copleston blessing some of the babies.

ANOTHER "VICTORY" FOR DICTATORS

ROME, YESTERDAY.

THE ITALIAN PRESS SPLASHES THE SPANISH ADHERENCE TO THE ANTI-COMINTERN PACT.

"Popolo d'Italia" calls it "a severe blow for the Democracies, which are seeking an alliance with Moscow."

"Corriere della Sera" says: "At the very moment when the big Democratic powers, which have always been ready to link up with Russia, are seeking to draw a ring around the Berlin-Rome Axis, a Western Mediterranean power proclaims its loyalty to the Axis."

"It has intimated which side it is on if a decisive conflict breaks out between the two confessions. Its adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact is a warning to those Democracies who do not fear to risk collaboration with Russia."—Trans-Ocean.

FUGITIVES ALLOWED TO LAND IN ORAN

Paris, Yesterday.

Two thousand Spanish refugees have been allowed to land at Oran by the French authorities.

According to the national joint committee for refugees, hundreds are still outside Oran awaiting for admission.

The committee adds that conditions among the refugees in Oran are deplorable owing to lack of accommodation, and an epidemic is feared.—Reuter.

NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM

Brussels, Yesterday.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands will return the visit of King Leopold of Belgium at the end of May, says an announcement.

The official programme, which covers a period from May 23 to May 26, includes a visit to the International Water Exhibition in Liege.—Trans-Ocean.

BECK TALKS NOT IN BERLIN

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, passed through Berlin to-day from London.

—Reuter.

JAPANESE INNER CABINET IN SESSION

Tokyo, Yesterday. Speculation is rife concerning a meeting last evening of the Inner Cabinet, including the Premier, Baron Hiranuma, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, the War Minister, General Itagaki, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai.

It is understood that the meeting was preliminary to a visit which is expected to be paid by the Premier to the Imperial Palace in connection with some important decision.

For the moment, no reliable information concerning the object of the conference has leaked out, but the Japanese press declares that a speeding up of Japanese naval rearmament and possibility of the conversion of the anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance were under review.

The Army are credited with willingness to form a military alliance with the Rome-Berlin Axis Powers, but strong resistance in the Cabinet is reported. —Our Own Correspondent.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR KAOAN

Chungking, Yesterday. Heavy fighting is taking place southwest and northwest of Kaoan, 60 kilometres southwest of Nanchang.

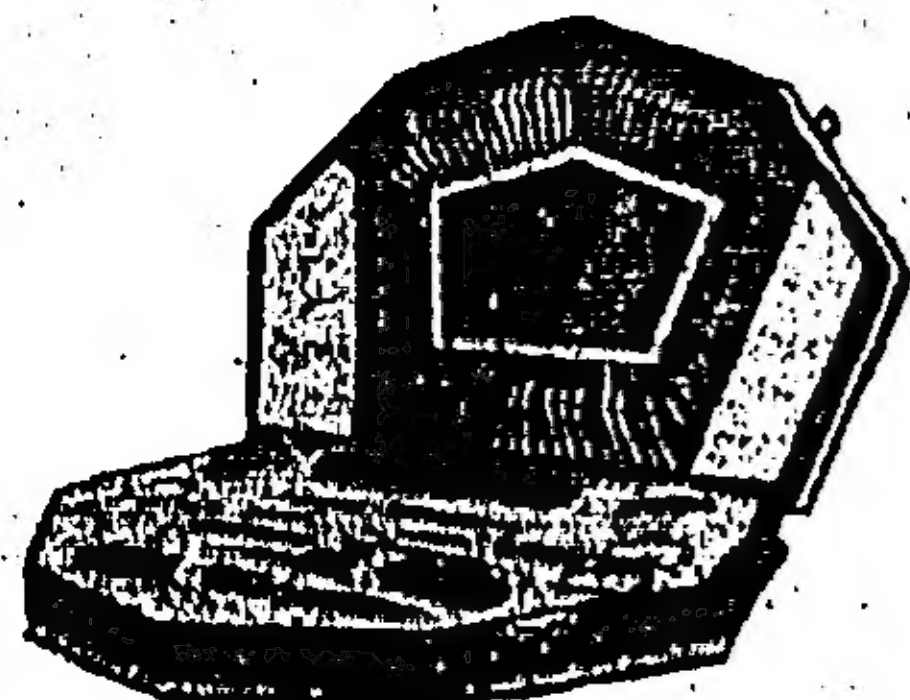
Japanese troops continue their advance towards the Kiangsi-Hunan frontier. The Japanese forces near Wuning are attempting to establish connection with Nanchang.

The Chinese expect a big battle in the region of Shanghai, 110 kilometres southwest of Nanchang. —Trans-Ocean.

ZOG DENOUNCES MUSSOLINI

Tirana, Yesterday. The Tirana Radio Station has broadcast an appeal by King Zog to the Albanian people to fight to the last drop of blood for their country's independence. The appeal was issued in Albanian, Italian, French and German.

It was also officially announced that an appeal had been directed to the Italian people denouncing the Mussolini regime. —Trans-Ocean.



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Paris, Yesterday.

The news late last night of Spain's adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact has disturbed French political circles.

The development is held as showing conclusively that the closest possible co-operation now exists between the new Spanish Government and the totalitarian states.

The surprise in political circles is attributed to the fact that the belief was generally held by the recognition of General Franco by France and Britain, their influence would be to some extent restored. It was thought that the appointment of Marshal Petain to the post of French Ambassador to Spain would bring about a new era in Franco-Spanish relations.

While the cool reception accorded to Marshal Petain in Burgos aroused strong resentment in the Quai d'Orsay, feeling in official circles is even more pessimistic, the more so as the situation is completely overshadowed by Albanian occurrences.

NEW DANGER

In view of the series of political surprises by the totalitarian States, Western policy must be made more effective.

By intensification of Britain's Eastern policy and the speech of M. Daladier, which gave such an impression of strength in France, it was believed that the centre of gravity would again shift to the Democracies. The adherence of Spain to the anti-Comintern Pact means that France will have to reckon with the danger of a three-front war, because it could not be assumed that at a decisive moment General Franco would withdraw from the pact. —Trans-Ocean.

TEXT OF PROTOCOL

Burgos, Yesterday. The Spanish official communique runs as follows:

"Now that the Communism that led to the civil war in Spain, has been finally routed on the battlefield, the Spanish Government desiring to strengthen its resistance to the Communist peril has declared its adherence to the anti-Comintern pact."

The protocol effecting adherence was signed in Burgos by the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Italian and German Ambassadors and the Japanese Minister, all of whom were authorized by their Governments.

The protocol reads as follows: The Government of the German Reich, the Government of Italy, the Imperial Government of Japan on one side and the Spanish Government on the other through their undersigned plenipotentiaries put on record that:

- (1) Spain becomes an adherent of the pact against the Communist Internationale embodied in the agreement and annex of November 25, 1936 and the protocol of November 6, 1937.
- (2) The form of compensation of the competent authorities of the signatory States envisaged in the annex, will be the subject of future agreement between these authorities.
- (3) The agreement and the annex of November 25, 1936 and the protocol of November 6, 1937 are attached to this protocol. The text is given in the German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish languages, every text standing as an original. The pact comes into force on the day of... signature. The undersigned have full powers from their respective Governments to sign and to seal this protocol. —Trans-Ocean.

LONDON CRITICAL

London, Yesterday. The announcement of Spain's adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact has aroused critical comment, although events in Albania overshadow everything else.

The news was not altogether a surprise, but political circles remark that the decision was announced simultaneously with Italian action in Albania. This "coincidence" is regarded as something like an Italian challenge to British policy. —Trans-Ocean.

Mr. C. M. Manners, of Humphreys Building, has reported that his car was stolen from Gascoigne Road car park, between 5.30 and 7.20 p.m. on Friday.



GANDHI OPENS NEW TEMPLES.—One of the largest gatherings seen in the history of New Delhi was present on March 18, to witness the opening ceremony of the Lakshmi Narain and Buddhiat Temples at New Delhi by Mahatma Gandhi. Lakshmi Narain Temple is unique being open for worship to all religious sects, irrespective of caste and creed and was specially built by Seth G. D. Birla. The Buddhiat temple is a gift of the same gentleman. Photo shows Mahatma Gandhi being assisted down the steps of the Lakshmi Narain Temple by Seth Birla (wearing turban) to acknowledge homage of huge crowds that anxiously waited for hours for his "Darshan."

Peace Talk Quashed By British Envoy

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Sir Robert Craigie, in a statement before his departure for Japan, said:

"I had always promised myself I would pay at least one visit to Shanghai during my term of office in Japan. Most of my predecessors passed through Shanghai on their way to Japan: I came via Canada, and thus have had no previous opportunity to visit Shanghai."

"I can state categorically that my visit had no political significance and was in no sense a mission."

"It had no connection with Sir Archibald's intended visit to Chungking, which was arranged independently." — Reuter.

CLARK-KERR ON WAY TO CHUNGKING

Shanghai, Yesterday. The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, left for Hong Kong on board the B. and S. steamer "Taiyuan" en route to Chungking this morning.

The British Ambassador in Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, and Lady Craigie, sailed for Japan in the "Terakuni Maru."

The two Ambassadors have been conferring on the Far Eastern situation for the past few days. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

The following official appointments etc. are gazetted:—

- Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell to be a Member of the Traffic Board.
- Mr. A. G. W. Tickle to be temporarily a Member of the Legislative Council.
- Mr. A. G. W. Tickle to act as Director of Public Works.
- Mr. M. M. Watson to be a Member of the Medical Board.
- Dr. Chau Wai-cheung to be a Member of the Medical Board.
- Mr. C. Champkin to be Chief Air Raid Warden.
- Mr. A. Tajiri resumed charge of the Consulate-General for Japan.

QUEEN IN ATHENS

Athens, Yesterday.

The Queen of Albania, Geraldine, with her two days' old son, crossed the Greek Frontier on Friday afternoon on her way to Florina, a town in North Western Greece.

Two of the six sisters of King Zog arrived at Salonika on Friday. — Trans-Ocean.

It was later reported that the Queen had arrived, with her son, at Athens.

Following the annual meeting of the Bellona Old Girls' Association, a dinner was held at the Ying King Restaurant on Tuesday, attended by over fifty members and their friends.

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Chinese Kwangtung Offensive

Reports from trustworthy sources indicate that the Chinese forces in Kwangtung have commenced a general counter-offensive on a substantial scale.

The Japanese outposts in the North River area have been driven in and at one point the Chinese troops are reported within 11 miles of Canton itself.

Action appears to have been taken simultaneously at all points, with the result that the Japanese lines, thinly held owing to recent withdrawals, have been broken through with unexpected ease.

In the West River area, the Chinese (reinforced from Kwangsi) have advanced nearly 20 miles and are now again in the vicinity of the old city of Samshui.

In the East River district, Chinese control has been re-established over a wide area, the Japanese having withdrawn their troops in order to meet the serious threat to Canton from the North.

FRENCH CABINET MEETING

Paris, Yesterday.

A meeting of the French Cabinet was called this morning to discuss the Albanian situation and the official announcement of General Franco's adherence to the anti-Comintern Pact.

M. Bonnet was kept at the Quai d'Orsay late into the hours of this morning.

He had a long talk with Sir Eric Phipps, British Ambassador, and later saw the Yugo-Slavian Minister. — Reuter.

Mr. C. S. Rosselot, of No. 24, Broadwood Road, has reported that clothing to the value of \$500 was stolen from his residence during Thursday night.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 22nd April, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 13th April, 1939.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 8th and MONDAY, 10th April, 1939, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12.00 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11 a.m. each day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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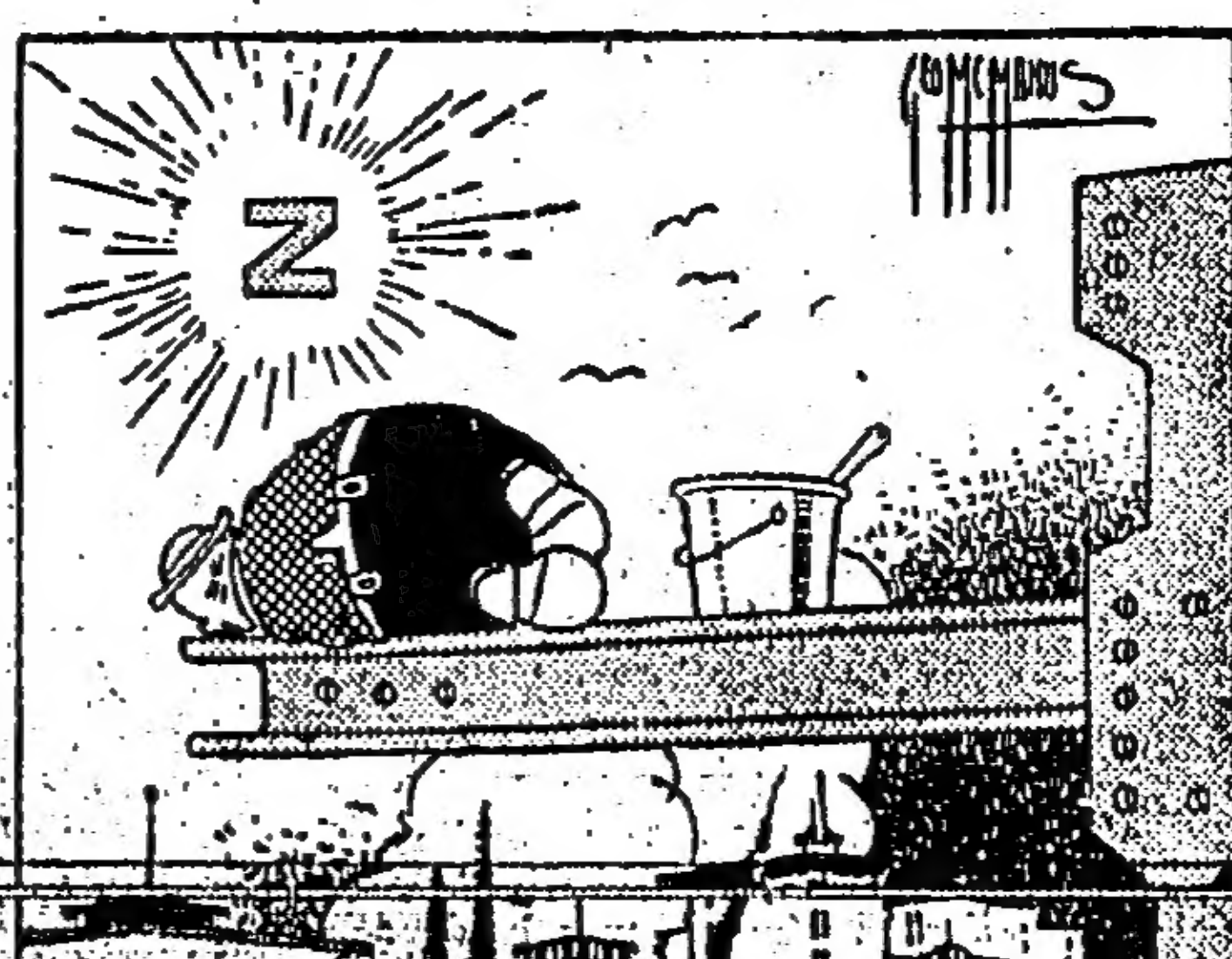
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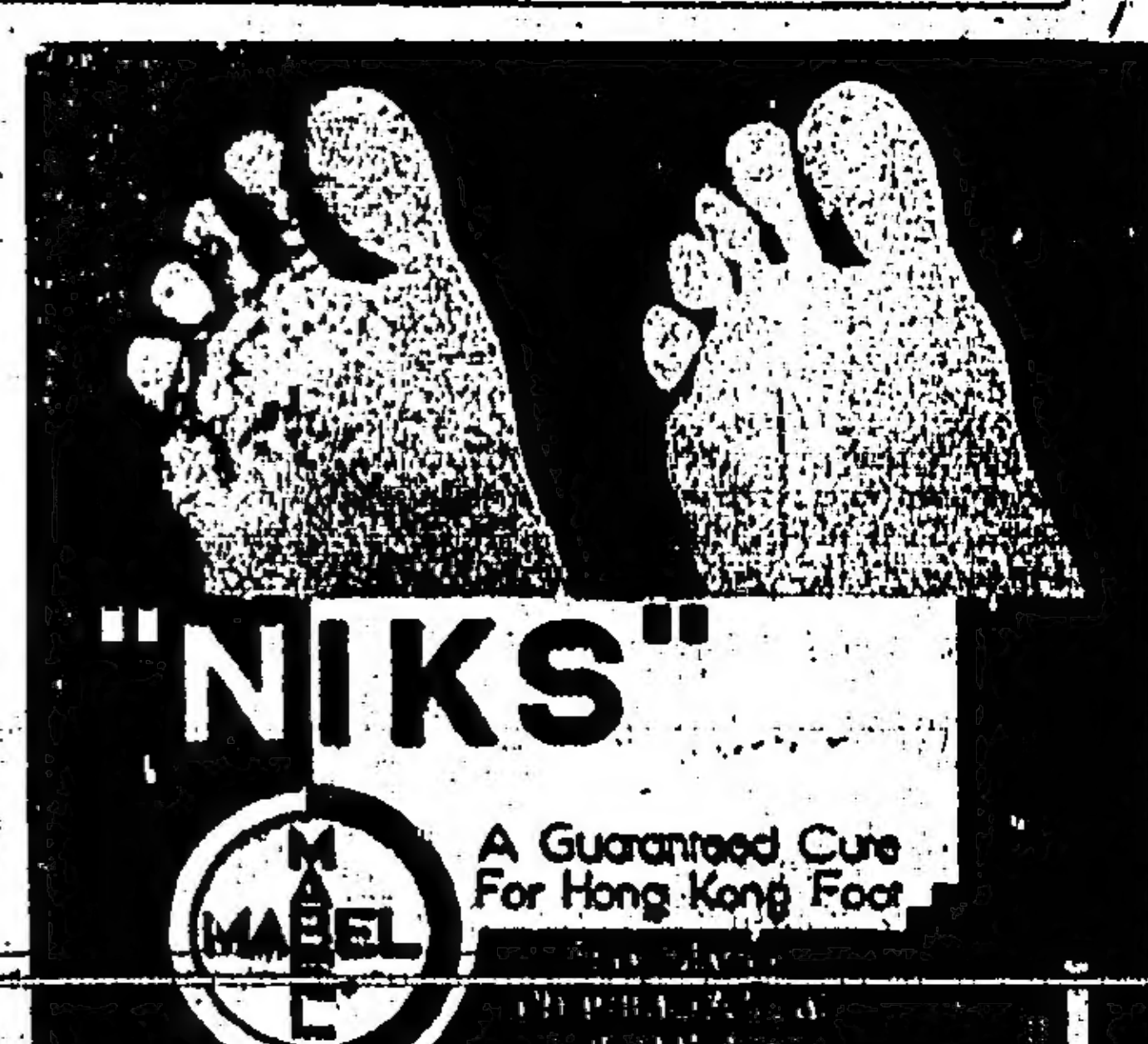


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THREAT TO BRING IN OWN PLANT FOR GENERATING

(Special To The "Sunday Herald")

The Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union will shortly petition the China Light and Power Company, Limited, for a reduction of electricity rates, the "Sunday Herald" is informed.

The petition is now being prepared and will be presented to the company after being completed and approved by the Executive Committee of the Union.

Many Chinese factories in the Colony have electricity bills running into four figures each month. It is complained that the Kowloon rates are too high being eight cents per unit as compared with five cents per unit on the island.

OWN PLANT?

An official of the Union stated that if the Company declines to favourably consider the petition, which will be presented in due course, the owners of the factories may install their own generating plants.

Some three years ago, similar petition for reduction of rates was rejected.

H.K. CHINESE TEACHERS OFFICIAL DENIAL OF REPORTS

(Special to the "Herald")

Reports that the Education Department was contemplating raising the standard of the vernacular teachers' examination were officially denied by the Director, Mr. C. G. Sollis, yesterday.

It has been reported that refugee-teachers have been accepting posts at "cut" salaries, resulting in many local teachers being faced with the alternative of accepting reductions or unemployment.

Mr. Sollis stated that his department was not aware that "outside" teachers were lowering local salary standards.

The majority of the schools and colleges which transferred from "occupied" areas to Hong Kong, he said, brought their own staffs with them. Most of the refugee-teachers in Hong Kong are attached to their former institutions now functioning in the Colony.

The number of vernacular teachers registered last year was 3,209. In the first three months of this year 231 names were added. Last year 867 vernacular schools were registered with the Education Department. From the beginning new schools have been added.

CLERICAL UNION'S SECOND OUTING

The energetic sports committee of Hong Kong Chinese Clerical Union, a newly formed representative body for local Chinese clerks, is holding its second excursion to Shatin since its formation a few months ago. A very large number of members have signified their intention of being present, and various kinds of games will be included in to-day's programme, while refreshments will also be served. If this outing proves successful, similar picnics will be held every week-end.

SLEEPLESS THROUGH STOMACH PAINS

Every stomach sufferer knows that a disordered digestion brings many other troubles in its train. Loss of appetite, weakness and malnutrition, "nervous" these often arise from some form of stomach trouble, and won't go until the stomach itself is put right.

In the case of Mr. W. R., sleeplessness was one of the worries. His stomach trouble brought him. He writes: "I feel I must let you know how I came to hear of your wonderful Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. One night at my father-in-law's house I told him I had no sleep for the last six months, owing to pains in my stomach and heartburn. He told me to try Maclean Brand Stomach Powder, and gave me a little. I laughed and told him I had tried everything and nothing had stopped my indigestion and heartburn. Anyway, I tried, and it gave me instant relief. It is a marvel. I wish I had known about it sooner."

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FAST ITALIAN VESSEL JOINS RIVER TRADE

RIVER-BOATS PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND OUTPORTS HAVE FOUND A NEW COMPETITOR IN THE 146-TON MOTOR-VESSEL "ROMA", THE ONLY RIVER-BOAT IN SOUTH CHINA WHICH FLIES THE ITALIAN FLAG.

It was built in Shanghai five years ago, has a speed of 15 knots, and is the fastest river-boat now in South China. She formerly plied between Amoy and Changchowfu.

The boat is now being put on the Hong Kong-Macao route and will sail for Macao to-morrow afternoon.

The skipper is Captain Albert M. Miller, formerly skipper of the yacht "Shenandoah III" which was sold in Hong Kong by its millionaire-owner, Mr. G. Fahnstock, after the typhoon in September, 1937.

The Chinese crew of the "Roma" totals 15, including the Chief Officer and engineer.

Over 300 passengers can be accommodated.

AMALGAMATED CHINESE CHARITIES?

A PLAN IS REPORTED TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION WHICH SEEMS TO ABSORB THE NUMEROUS WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS IN THE COLONY INTO ONE BIG CENTRAL ORGANISATION.

One of the main objects of this movement is to facilitate smooth distribution of medical materials, foodstuffs, and other relief materials to all war-stricken areas.

The central organisation will also, it was pointed out, help in wiping out bogus relief organisations which have been detected from time to time in Hong Kong.

VISIT TO INTERNED SOLDIERS

The interned Chinese soldiers at Matachung were visited by Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hsu urged the internees to keep up the best traditions of Chinese soldiers, in the course of a short address. He left the camp at four o'clock.



One of the most dramatic pictures published of the collision between the P. and O. "Canton" and the French Mail liner "Marechal Joffre." It shows the interior of the "Canton," with, at bottom right, the fluke of the French vessel's anchor which was deposited in the British ship.

ORANGE MURDER TRIAL: MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE SUGGESTED

Sir,—Would you grant me space to point out what I consider to be a grave miscarriage of justice. In "The Orange Murder Trial," four men were convicted of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to death.

As a young student of English Law, I wish to suggest to the proper authorities, the following points, in the hope that the evidence in this case may be, as I think it should, reviewed, and the sentence commuted to fit the actual facts of the case.

The facts brought out by the prosecution were:

(a) A certain number of men formed into a gang to commit a robbery.

(b) One of the men, not in custody, in an attempt to gag his victim with an orange, displaced his victim's false teeth and as a result of this his victim choked to death.

The above facts were the sum and substance of the case for the prosecution.

There was no proof that these gangsters intended to murder. The prosecution did not bring any evidence to prove planned, premeditated, or intended murder.

According to English Law, in order to try a person or party on a capital charge, the said Person or Party may be charged with Murder, but, to convict the said person or party of murder, the prosecution must prove beyond any shadow of doubt that the accused planned, premeditated, intended and committed the said murder. The proof must be conclusive.

The facts of the case under review as I see them are:—

A number of men conspired to commit a robbery for monetary gain, and proceeded to carry out their nefarious scheme. In the course of carrying out their plan of robbery, and not murder, they did what any robbers would do,—they gagged their victim to keep him quiet.

In this case, in an attempt to gag his victim with an orange, one of them, unknowingly, and therefore accidentally, rather than deliberately, displaced his victim's false teeth, as a result of which, his victim choked to death.

Surely this cannot be interpreted in English Law as planned, premeditated and intended murder? Should not these men have been tried and convicted for robbery, with violence or manslaughter, at the most, and not for murder?

Further, according to English Law, it does not matter if the one who actually gagged the man, or committed the so-called murder is in the dock; his accomplices are equally responsible. But, must it not also be proved that the man who actually committed the act had planned, premeditated and intended the murder? and in case of doubt, is it not a principle of English Law that the prisoner, or prisoners are to be given the benefit of the doubt? And in the absence of any motive or intention of Murder, are not the prisoners to be acquitted of murder?

I feel sure that to pass capital punishment on robbery to throw the fear of law into the hearts of would-be murderers, is poor English Law, and still poorer British justice.

I sincerely hope and pray that the proper authorities will do their duty by reviewing the case immediately, and reprieving four innocent men, who may not have the necessary funds to appeal—before it is too late.

FAIRPLAY.

SHEARING AND HOW

Sir,—In the correspondence column of a contemporary, Mr. F. T. Li enquired how often sheep are sheared.

In reply, I can state that sheep are shorn in and out of season. In Australia, sheep are shorn once a year. Ice House Street sheep are shorn daily or every time the clock ticks, while the tax-paying sheep are shorn the entire 24 hours of each day.

If the Editor permits, I would like to tell Mr. Li what becomes of the wool.

Some of the wool is used for making underwear and jerseys, some is used in making plus fours

Police Clerical Staffs Petitioning

(“Herald” Special)

The Chinese clerical staff attached to the Hong Kong Police Force are preparing a petition which will, in due course, be submitted to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for Colonies, the "Sunday Herald" learns from an authoritative source.

The petition will be presented through the Colonial Secretariat.

The Chinese clerical staff is seeking revision of grades and salary scales. It is pointed out that the Chinese clerical staffs attached to other governmental departments receive better treatment than the staffs in the Police Force.

The petition is being signed by police stations in the Colony for signatures.

Worried Women Lay Siege To Mongkok Police Station

(“Herald” Special)

Over 100 Chinese women besieged Mong Kok Police Station on Good Friday afternoon, temporarily holding up the traffic.

The women were demanding justice, claiming that their employer "did them wrong" by refusing to refund a \$2 security deposit.

The man originally employed 300 women to sew gunny-bags, and each woman had to deposit \$2 security.

When the job was completed, 200 of the women received their deposits back, but the remainder were ignored.

After an angry dispute, the women proceeded to Mong Kok Police Station where after being summoned by the Police, the employer agreed to refund the deposits.

WANG DENIES SECRET PACT WITH JAPAN

In a statement issued last night by his local agents, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, expelled member of the Kuomintang, denied existence of the alleged Five-point Agreement between himself and the Japanese Premier, Baron Hiranuma, which was reported by "Reuter" last Wednesday in a message from Chungking.

He points out that "Reuter's" message was based on a report in the "Ta-Kung Pao."

Mr. Wang says he first intended to ignore the foundationless report, but because of the effect the report might have in Chinese and foreign circles, he had decided to issue a denial.

The rest of the statement reviews Mr. Wang's peace proposals and stresses that he will stick to his convictions no matter what happens.

SING-SONG GIRLS SEEK NEW HARMONY

(Special to "Sunday Herald")

WEST POINT'S SING-SONG GIRLS ARE RESTIVE AGAIN. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN THE LAST DAY OR TWO ON WAYS AND MEANS OF BRINGING DOWN EXPENSES AND AS A RESULT THEY ARE PLANNING TO UNITE.

Accommodation to house them all is being located and telephones will be installed to save the "calling fee" deducted by restaurant employees.

It is also planned to charge restaurant customers \$1 per hour for their services. At present sing-song girls may "wait" on customers for hours for \$1.

West Point restaurant keepers, however, told the "Sunday Herald" that the sing-song girls' plan is a dream, which will never materialise.

(for playing golf in), while the other wool goes in dinners, cocktail parties, jewellery, motor cars and pensions.

Reciprocity being the backbone of democratic goodwill, perhaps Mr. Li in a spirit of reciprocity would kindly tell me what becomes of the wool gathered on the official brain.

Ba Ba.



Photograph taken during a picnic held by the Hong Kong Chinese Clerical Union recently. A similar party will be held to-day.

New Skyscraper Planned For Central District

(“Sunday Herald” Special)

At the end of this year Hong Kong will have another sky-scraper—a ten-storied modern building—the construction of which, will start next week-end.

The new building, costing about \$300,000, is to be erected in the central district on the site at Nos. 50 and 52, Queen's Road Central where the Tak Cheung Tailors and Outfitters, have been located for the past 40 odd years.

Tak Cheung will move out of their premises, claimed to be over 60 years old, during the week; and will, temporarily, pending the completion of the new structure, be accommodated at No. 35, Des Voeux Road Central.

It is intended to have the new building completed by the end of the year. The architects are Messrs. Chau and Lee.

Three lifts will be installed in the sky-scraper.

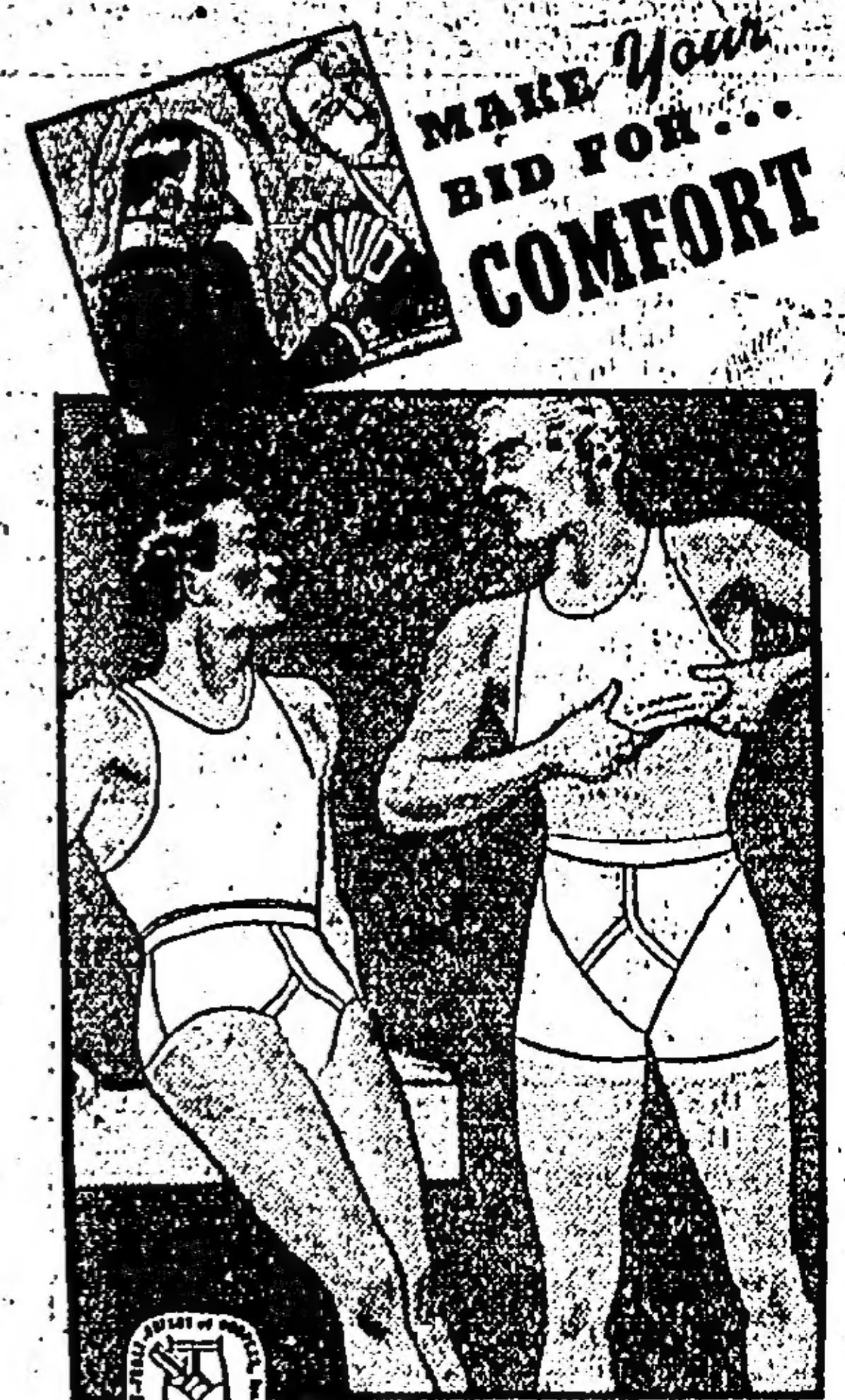
Tak Cheung will be housed on the ground floor, and the rest of the accommodation will be let out to business firms.

DEATH OF MR. O.B. KITCHELL

Mr. O. B. Kitchell, who for 30 years had been an employee of the Naval Yard, passed away at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday afternoon after an illness lasting only a fortnight.

Mr. Kitchell, who was 58 years of age, leaves a wife and ten children.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at the Mohammedan Cemetery.



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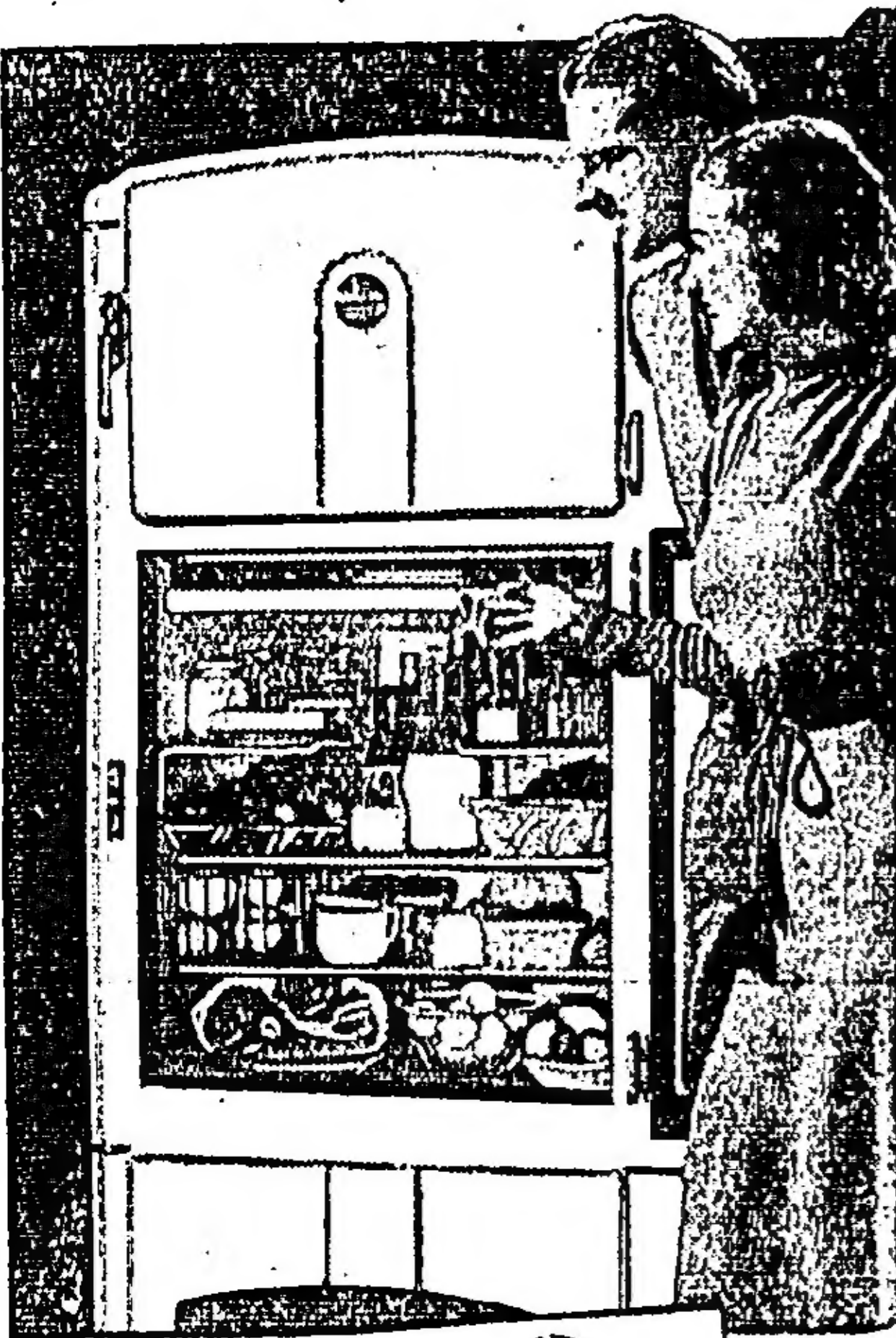
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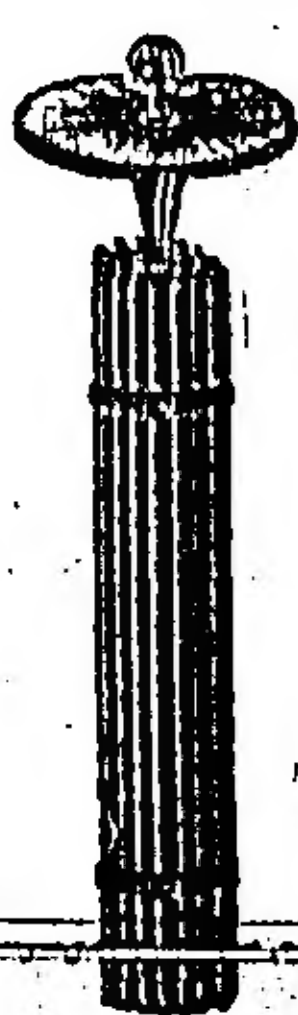
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We Had Hoped And Worked For Appeasement:
Instead, There Is New Brutal Aggression

In Defence Of Mr. Chamberlain

I have read in some speeches and newspaper articles—and these, of course, are echoed in familiar talk—that responsibility for the present European crisis somehow rests on the British Government and particularly on the British Prime Minister. And, of course, if that were true the responsibility must be shared by all who have given wholehearted support to the foreign policy associated with the name of Mr. Chamberlain. I am one of these, not merely as a private citizen but as the head of the organisation which includes many important newspapers in various parts of Great Britain.

These newspapers have consistently supported the British

Government's policy throughout the crisis of last autumn, since then, and now.

In these recent days I have been reflecting on the events of the past two years and I have come to two conclusions: (1) That in the so-called policy of appeasement there is nothing to regret and much of which we may be proud, and (2) that it has not achieved its purpose though, through no fault of ours, in the case of Germany, yet it has given to England a moral strength throughout the world that is and long will be of value incalculable.

I cast my mind back to the days in 1937, shortly after he succeeded to the Premiership, when Mr. Chamberlain began his peace campaign. What did the Englishmen think of it then? There was certainly no over-weening confidence. From the first, it was a fight against heavy odds. But, though the word was often applied to the peace policy, it was not a gamble. It did not create new danger. The danger was there already. Europe was divided into opposing ideological camps; the gulf between them was rapidly widening and deepening.

To let things drift was, almost certainly, to make war inevitable. There was no hope of peace except in patiently and persistently pursuing it. The prize was so infinitely precious that no humane statesman could, with due regard to his country's honour and interests, leave anything undone that might help in winning it. If the pursuit failed, if the prize eluded our grasp, we should, at any rate, be no worse off than before. Great Britain is, indeed, far better off, for not only are the country's defences vastly stronger than they were two years ago, but there is intangible, immeasurable asset of moral prestige to which reference has already been made. If the worst comes to the worst, blood-guiltiness will not be with us. The whole world will know that our hands are clean.

One other thing may be said. If the British Government had allowed things to drift and the drift had carried us into war, or to the edge of war, should we not have sadly asked then whether disaster—for, whatever the result, war is disaster—might not have been avoided if a resolute effort had been made to secure a peaceful and honourable settlement? And nobody could have answered that question with confidence if the effort had not been made.

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No F.A. Cup Final has been played at Turfway for more than 30 years.

Sevenpenny pieces are no longer legal tender.

Britain has not had a woman Prime Minister for more than a century.

As late as 1913 there was no direct railways service between London and Guernsey.

Nine out of every ten persons find it impossible to wear the right boot on the left foot.

Up to the time of the Spanish Armada there was no public street lighting in New York.

Owing to the slump in the popularity of lawn tennis, in Greece land, that country is now unlikely to enter for this year's Davis Cup.

FROM the beginning the English people watched every stage of the process with anxious interest. It began, as we all remember, with Italy. There were many difficulties and delays, but at last an agreement was reached and this was followed by the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax to Rome. We are still hoping that the good results so achieved may be permanent, that the difficulties between Italy and France may be adjusted to the advantage of both countries, and that Britain's traditional friendship with the Italian people will be securely established.

Those who have supported the policy of appeasement have had no quarrel with either Italy or

BY LORD KEMSLEY

formerly Sir Gomer Berry, is one of the leading English newspaper proprietors. He is the publisher of Sunday Times, Sunday Chronicle, Daily Sketch and about 20 important provincial papers.

Germany because her political system differs from our own. The English are democrats. The freedom of the individual liberty limited only by the laws which the people, through their representatives, themselves make are our most precious heritage. But it is none of our business if in other countries different systems are adopted, and we have never made that an excuse for not cultivating good relations with them.

It has often been said that England carried forbearance much too far in her dealings with Herr Hitler's Government, and, indeed, it may be admitted that for no cause less than that of the world's peace could she have gone in the face of such serious discouragements. The annexation of Austria, the persecution of the Jews, each in turn exasperated and embittered public opinion and created an atmosphere in which negotiation between London and Berlin was for the time impossible. Still Britain was ready, at the earliest opportunity, to go into conference in the hope of reaching agreements so comprehensive that confidence would be restored sufficiently to establish a new sense of security in Europe so that not only might peace be made safe but the wealth-destroying armaments race stopped. It was the way of peace, and till it was tried none could be sure that success was unattainable.

THEN came the Czech crisis, German mobilisation, and those dreadful days in September when Europe was on the verge of war. I, for one, cannot regret the part which my country then played. Some people talk as if Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakia in March 1939 was the result of Munich. Is it not almost certain that if there had been no Munich Conference, Czechoslovakia would have been annexed then? Though Sudetenland went to Germany, the rest of the country was saved and the loss of its independence in these recent days is due not to Munich, but to the dishonouring of Munich, to the duplicity of Herr Hitler in suddenly and without any notice to his co-signatories violating the treaty to which he had put his hand.

I am not impressed now by the taunt that Mr. Chamberlain ought to have known that Hitler would be faithless. How could he have known? It is pertinent to point out that England's most important agreement with Germany before Munich—the Naval

Agreement—is believed to have been faithfully kept. But are peaceful settlements to be sought only when statesmen are perfectly sure beforehand that they will be attained? Was Europe to be plunged into war last autumn because of the possibility that the head of the German State would be false to his signature?

He had boasted that when he gave his word he kept it; and now he was putting his name to a document providing for the final settlement of the Czech frontiers. He said he had no further territorial claims. He insisted that he did not want non-Germans in the Reich. It was not only to Mr. Chamberlain that these assurances were given; they were given also to M. Daadier and Signor Mussolini, the other signatories. If one was deceived, they all were—and not only they but the people of Germany, too.

THE world is reduced to chaos if agreements are not made or are not kept when they are made. They are so necessary, indeed, that they cannot be refused because of mere suspicion that a signatory may not honour his engagement, though in such case the signatories will, in common prudence, take measures to safeguard themselves against violation of the signed word. And that the British Government did after Munich. Instead of slackening, re-arming was speeded up and expanded. Deficiencies revealed during the crisis last autumn have been in large part made good. To-day the country's defences are immensely stronger than they were then. The Civil Defence Bill just introduced in the House of Commons proves that the Government are ready to take and use full power to maintain the country's security.

For one, I resent the imputation that any share of responsibility for the tearing up of the Munich agreement can be placed on the British Government or on those who have supported its policy. Blame for wrongdoing attaches only to the wrongdoer. We had hoped and worked for appeasement, and, instead, there is new and brutal aggression.

THE Government's prompt action in challenging this and in inviting other peace-loving nations to cooperate in any measures of resistance that are decided upon have evoked the sympathy and support of all parties in England. That was to be expected. The Government has the country behind it as rarely before. It is ready to answer every call for patriotic service. There can be no doubt either of the people's response, or that Europe will again be delivered from any menace of enslaving domination.



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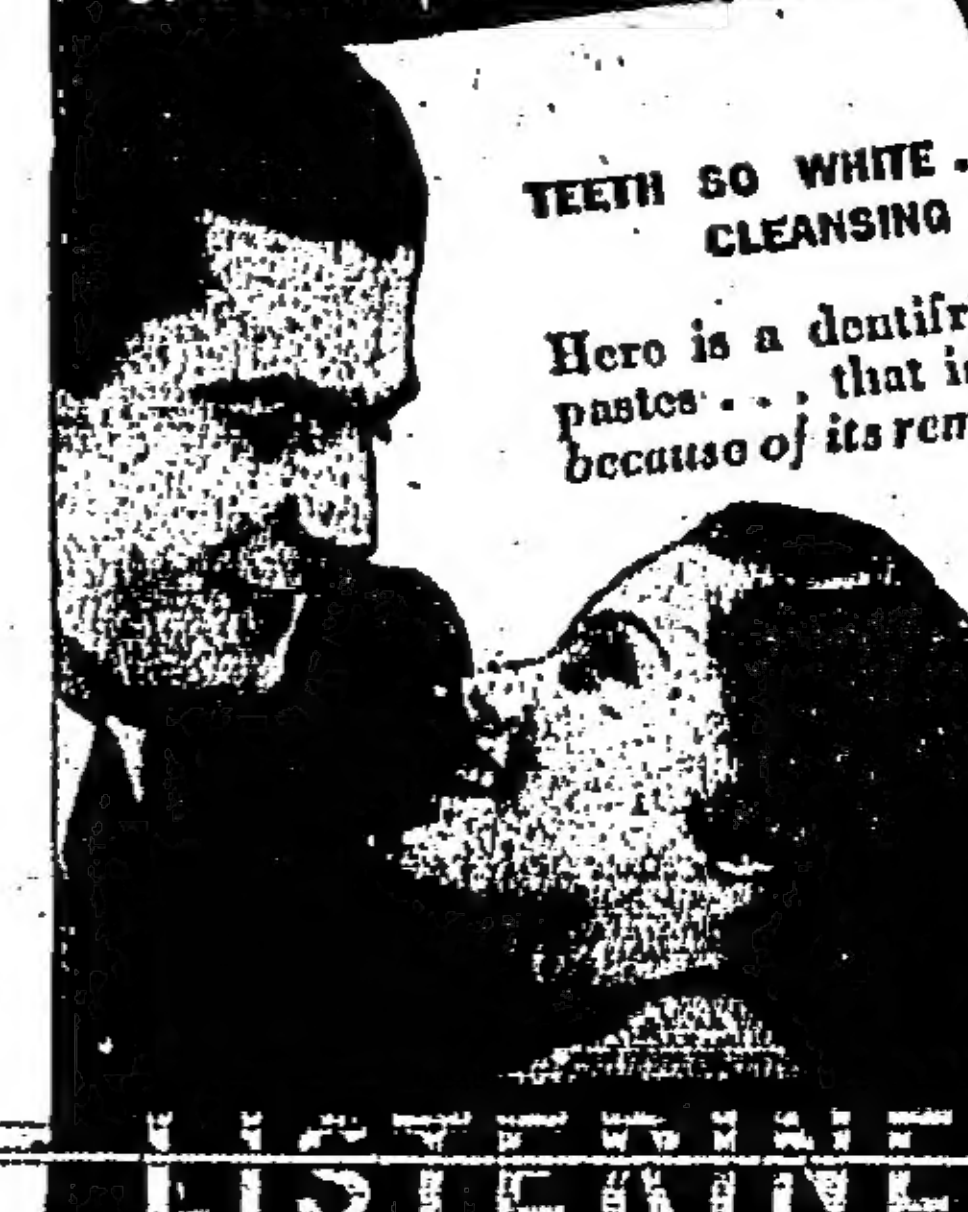
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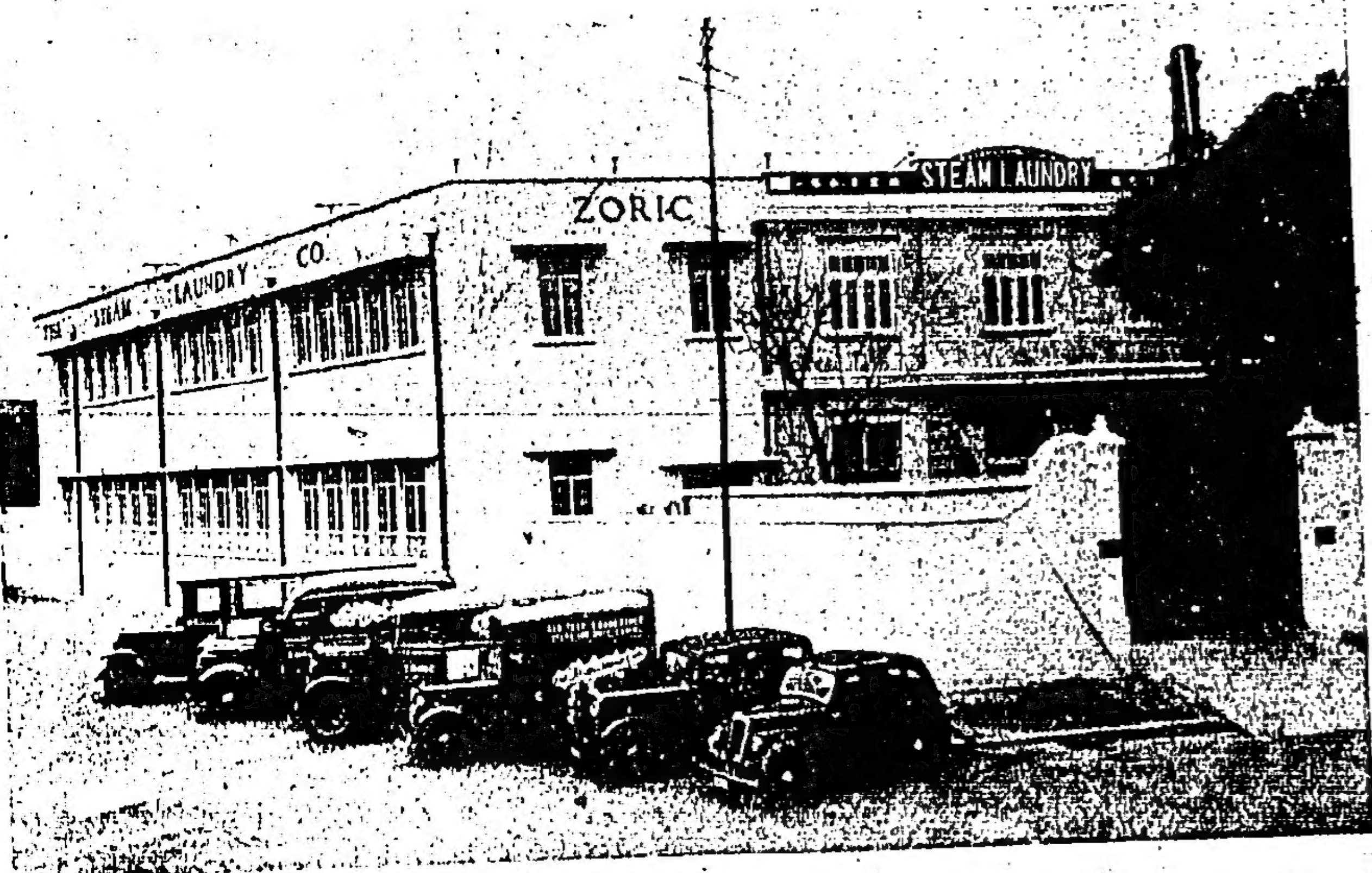
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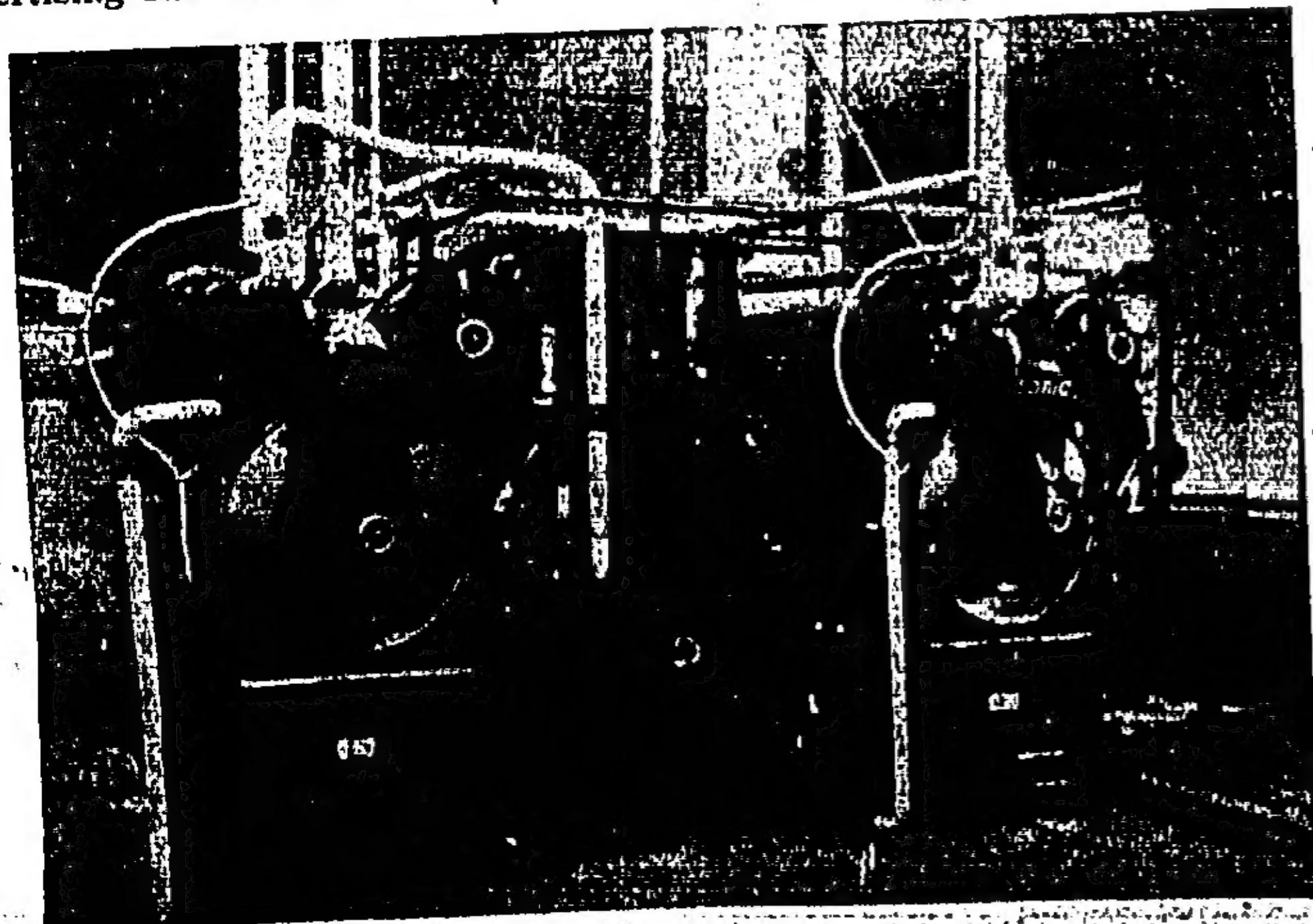
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HUNGARY WARNS RUMANIA

Claims In Transylvania Not Renounced By Budapest

KING CAROL REVIEWS TROOPS ON FRONTIER

Bucharest, Yesterday.
King Carol, accompanied by the Premier, M. Calinescu, and the War Minister, General Slavek, visited Western Rumania next to the Hungarian border, and inspected the troops.
King Carol received an enthusiastic reception.—Trans-Ocean.

Budapest, To-day.
The return of those parts of Transylvania inhabited by Hungarians represents the minimum claim made by Hungary on Rumania.

This statement appears in the leading Budapest newspaper, often used as the mouthpiece of the Hungarian Government.

Relations between the two countries, says the journal, cannot be normalised "until recourse has been had to the principle of self-determination for effecting final settlement of this issue."

NEVER RENOUNCED

The paper demands that other parts of Transylvania be given far-reaching self-government.

Another paper says Hungary has never renounced her claim to territory handed over to Rumania by the Treaty of Trianon. Hungary is prepared to exert her strength in support of her claims.

Transylvania, says the Government paper, has moved into the orbit of international discussion.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY ALSO WANTS SUEZ CANAL SHARE!

Cairo, Yesterday.
Germany has followed the example of Italy in demanding a share in control of the Suez Canal!

This demand was voiced by Baron Richter, President of the German Chamber of Commerce in Egypt, addressing the Chamber yesterday.

Germany, he claimed, had a "rightful claim" in the governing board of the Canal Company, as she takes third place in respect of volume of shipping passing through the Canal.

"The German claim is justified morally and economically," he stated.—Trans-Ocean.

PAINED ASTONISHMENT IN GERMANY

Berlin, Yesterday.
Nazi quarters in Berlin display an attitude of pained astonishment over Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons on Thursday on the Anglo-Polish Agreement.

The Nazis deny the "legend" of German intentions to attack Poland "or to modify its sovereignty or integrity in any way."

The Nazis are "embittered at the way in which Poland has responded to German endeavours to place relations on a stable and durable basis."

The Nazis accuse Poland of mobilising for no plausible reason, and with associating herself with Britain's anti-German policy.

"CANNON FODDER"
Wilhelmstrasse circles talk of Poland "being cannon-fodder for further British aspirations for European hegemony!"

"Did Col. Beck in Downing Street encounter the shades of Dr. Schuschnigg and Dr. Benes?" it is asked.

Germany will allow no doubts to arise as to her attitude in the matter, and will "face the threat to peace with stern resolution."—Trans-Ocean.

REGENT OF IRAQ CONFIRMED

Baghdad, Yesterday.
The Iraqi Parliament has confirmed the appointment of Emir Abdallah as Regent of Iraq following the death of King Ghazi. Emir Abdallah immediately took the Oath of the Constitution.—Trans-Ocean.



ROYAL VISITORS TO THE COLISEUM. — Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, attended the Royal Matinee at the London Coliseum in aid of King George's Pension Fund for Actors and Actresses on March 27. Photo shows the King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth photographed arriving. (Air Mail Copyright).

FUTURE OF SYRIA

Beirut, Yesterday.
The French High Commissioner in Syria and Lebanon, Gabriel Puaux, has left for Paris. Object of the visit is said to be the future of Syria and the Sanjak of Alexandretta.—Trans-Ocean.

WARSAW WELL PLEASED WITH BRITISH PACT

Warsaw, Yesterday.
Authoritative Polish quarters express satisfaction over announcement of the reciprocal Anglo-Polish pledge of assistance made by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons on Thursday.

The newspaper "Czas," commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's statement, says that the Anglo-Polish understanding will bring appeasement and relaxation of tension at least temporarily.

Poland had time ahead to utilise for domestic consolidation. Official quarters celebrate the conclusion of the Anglo-Polish pact as a great success for Polish foreign policy.

BALANCE OF POWER
One paper says that conclusion of the pact indicates revision of the British position in the question of balance of power in Eastern Europe.

Britain has recognised, says the paper, that Poland is the chief power in Eastern Europe and has dropped her original plan of creating an alliance of several nations, and instead has adopted the Polish view of a two-power pact.

The paper says that the British Empire has agreed to receive a number of Jewish emigrants from Poland.—Trans-Ocean.

JAP. LICENSES FOR SHANGHAI OPIUM DENS

London, Yesterday.
The reported granting of licenses to opium dens in Shanghai by the Japanese, was mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

The matter was raised by Sir John Haslam, Conservative Member for Bolton.

In a written reply, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated the Foreign Secretary was making enquiries in regard to a report published in a Shanghai newspaper on March 1.

The report in question averred that within days—in districts outside the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Municipal Council had been licensed by the Japanese authorities.—Reuter.

PROMISE NO ANTI-BRITISH AGITATION

Canton, Yesterday.
"The Japanese authorities here will not countenance any anti-British campaign in Canton and are closely watching the situation in this connection."

This "assurance" was given by the Japanese spokesman at a press conference in reply to a foreign correspondent who drew attention to posters he had seen in the city denouncing the British loan to China.

The spokesman professed ignorance of the origin of the posters and asserted: "Undoubtedly the authorities will look into the matter."—Reuter.

NO MAY DAY STRIKE IN PARIS

Paris, Yesterday.
The annual May Day strike declared by the General Federation of Trade Unions will not be held this year.

A motion to this effect was carried by the National Committee of the Trades Union Federation.—Trans-Ocean.

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It Would Be Imprudent To Claim Peace Can Be Maintained

From 'Appeasement' To The Entente Cordiale

PRESIDENT Lebrun is back from London. At the time of his invitation by the British sovereigns, none in England or in France imagined that the European horizon would be so overclouded as to evoke the atmosphere of M. Poincaré's visit to St. Petersburg in 1914—just before the war.

Hardly a few weeks ago, the whole British Press announced a relaxation of the international tension. The speeches of the chief political leaders in the House of Commons, in the House of Lords and in the rest of the country were definitely optimistic. After the September alarm, when war had been imminent, it appeared to all that the Statesmen who had taken the road to Munich had been able to measure, each for his own part, the terrible risks of a European war. Notwithstanding the fact that certain serious difficulties continued to exist in respect of the Franco-Italian relations, it was thought in London that conversations might be usefully resumed between Paris and Rome with the end of the conflict arising from the civil war in Spain.

De Jure recognition of the French Government by France, the appointment of Marshal Petain as ambassador to Burgos would, it was hoped, abolish the opposition between the Italian and French viewpoints denounced with such bitterness by Mussolini in May 1938 and constantly invoked by the Duce as preventing any improvement of the relations between the two Latin countries.

On the German side, the

speeches made by Hitler and his principal acolytes presaged a satisfactory evolution of the international negotiations. Economic problems were in the foreground. The nations were about to discuss the primary question of international trade and of the restoration of order and peace through business. Conversations had already begun between the competent representatives of the British and German industries. An official of the Board of Trade had cleared the ground at Berlin for negotiations between Germany and two British ministers. At the same time, and in full agreement with London, Paris despatched an emissary to Berlin—M. Alphons, Director of Commercial Agreements to negotiate a new treaty of commerce.

Is it possible that the Fuehrer should have taken no account of the definite progress of European co-operation? How can it be that Hitler has suddenly forgotten his own words in *Mein Kampf*, repeated in so many speeches and formally condemning a policy of annexation or of incorporation into the Reich of non-German peoples? There may be an attempt to suggest that it is pure chance and the action taken by the Czechs and the Slovaks themselves that had

formed Great Britain that it proposed to resist by force; it raised no question of British intervention in an action which it intended to undertake for its own account.

Put the British Government, faithfully reflecting its own public opinion, and profoundly imbued with the principle of the equality of rights of all the peoples—further, imagining that all peoples were equally inclined to observe the principle of right and justice asked the French Government to renounce this policy. It will be possible to find later, in the records of the Quai d'Orsay, the proof that France warned England at that moment all that might happen in Europe. Much of the French prediction has unfortunately come true. But France finally decided to maintain and develop, even on this occasion, the community of views and action of France and Great Britain, since, in the long run, this community appeared the most precious guarantee of peace, and if peace were to be violated, the most valuable prerogative of victory.

France has sometimes a short memory. And when I re-read certain articles published on March 7th, 1936, I wonder how such brilliant writers and politicians managed to overlook that from 1919 to March 1936, all French statesmen vainly endeavoured to secure a precise undertaking from the London Cabinet, completed by military agreements guaranteeing France against an aggression.

I have lived through these hours. I remember the lengthy conference of the Foreign Office and that night, constantly present to my mind, when, on my own responsibility, I offered the British Government reciprocity of guarantee in replacement of the Locarno Agreements.

The Franco-British alliance was sealed. But I still hear my colleague, Mr. Eden, recommending prudence in my statement to the French Parliament in order to avoid too much hostility to himself in the British Parliament, then definitely opposed to any commitment in Europe.

I took his advice. Thus France, for a long time, was unable to understand the exact scope of the London agreements. Pressmen, egged on by their parties, even saw fit to publish that these agreements amounted to nothing at all. No matter. The Franco-British alliance was destined to develop and to prove its strength.

The more the situation becomes serious, the more the links between London and Paris are reinforced, without either partner being subordinated to the other.

This identity of views and action has never been as necessary as in present circumstances. Europe is menaced by a serious danger of war, and though it may be blasphemous to say that war is inevitable, it would be imprudent to proclaim that peace can be maintained.

The joint intention of the French and the British people is to put an end to all abuses of violence. Mr. Neville Chamberlain and M. Daladier have both declared that they regret neither Munich nor their efforts to effect a pacific rapprochement with Germany. In this, they have certainly behind them the immense majority of public opinion in England and France. May they find to-morrow means of re-establishing peace by law, and they will be the benefactors of mankind. But, for might to yield to right, both England and France must be prepared to make sacrifices.

The British hurrahs which are, as it were, the sequel to the Paris welcome of last July, reflect the joint will of the two great peoples to support no overlordship and to remain free.

Thus, this London pilgrimage was a symbol of peace, and there is this yet for the partners of the Rome-Berlin axis to realise this fact and comprehend its significance.

By M. Pierre Flandin,

former French Premier, noted for recent private correspondence with Herr Hitler, but whose ideas have undergone a complete reversal.

led to the annexation of the Czech territory and the establishment of a German protectorate over Slovakia. But world conscience rebels against any such assumption.

London's enthusiastic welcome to the President of the French Republic some days ago was not merely a symbol of popular rejoicings. It is a solemn ratification of the link between two peoples fraternally united in a common resolve.

Two nations, which have fought each other throughout history, which have sought their individual fame in the defeat of the other, have been reconciled in the early years of the twentieth century. And, in the beginning, this was perhaps a marriage of reason prepared by their great sponsors, Edward VII, M. Hanotaux and M. Delcasse. But, little by little it has become a marriage of true minds, of minds with the same hopes and fears, with the same joys and sorrows. And, because they have witnessed the emergence of a spectre which menaces their ideal of liberty, they henceforth rely upon one another, encouraged by their mutual remembrances of a glorious past.

Time is often fatal to friendship. So many quarrels on little details, minor differences of temperament and character. And there is an essential difference between the British and the French man in the street.

What made it possible for the Entente Cordiale to be transformed into the Franco-British alliance is the fact that each of the partners is thoroughly assured of the complete loyalty of the other and that the two Governments have been wise enough to make mutual concessions.

I wish to evoke, in these days of Franco-British communion, the events of March 1936, which enabled me to sign with Mr. Eden that series of agreements which remain unchanged and which sealed the alliance between the two great democracies of Western Europe.

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Two things, Professor Bernal says, would be required. The

first is proper co-operation between Great Britain, France, the U.S.S.R., and U.S.A.

At present there is no co-ordination in their researches. None know what the others are doing. But pooled knowledge of means of defence can defeat the air menace.

The second need is money for

fundamental research. Professor Bernal says that a sum of the order of £250,000 to finance a two years' research plan would be enough.

Such research would develop new weapons like aerial mines.

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MINES IN THE AIR

By Montagu Slater

"If the shadow of a bomber is over this village to-day, we know who is responsible."

This phrase has lingered in my mind for some time. It was used by one of Franco's returned prisoners speaking in the village where I live.

This International Brigader has since become famous as Don Renton, of the National Unemployed Workers' Movement.

I think it was the image of the shadow that made it stick in my mind. The shadow of aircraft ever since I watched for some days the shadow of an airship, in which I was a passenger, swim slowly

across the Atlantic, and then cross Wales, and in the middle of England, climbing mountains, taking hedges in its stride, and always visible.

The shadow of the bomber can be got rid of. Fear of death from the air which hag-rides us more than we sometimes care to admit, can be got rid of.

I think we can claim that that is news.

Problem Solved

H. G. Wells broke a part of the story during the week. He was discussing the proposals for aer-

al mines. He came to this conclusion:

"The fact remains that it is possible to cancel out the air, and that this present waste on excavations, tin-pot shelters and the like, is either bare-faced jobbery or patent imbecility."

I will admit that this seemed to me to be drawing tall conclusions from small data, yet when I went out to inquire into the state of scientific opinion on the subject I was told by one of the most famous of our younger physicists:

(1) That it is reasonable to suppose that at the present slow pace of research ground defence will beat air attack in six or seven years.

(2) That if we liked to spend a comparatively minute sum of money and to organise our research properly we would overcome the air danger in about two years.

In other words, it is claimed that the problem is as good as solved in principle already. The combination of new forms of ground defence (and by this I do not mean air raid shelters, but new ways of attacking raiders) should even now, in principle, stop the bomber.

This would require, naturally, large-scale use of new forms of defence and new weapons. Before we can reach that stage we need large-scale research and tests.

'Silent Approach'

Take an example. In the past few months people have been trying to make our flesh creep by describing "the technique of silent approach"—bombers with their motors cut off gliding down on us without warning.

Yet I am told that detectors exist capable of spotting an aeroplane with its motors cut off at a distance of up to fifty miles away. And we can track that aeroplane as it approaches.

So far have we got already. But we can very easily get farther and faster if we force our Government to act.

In this country research is being conducted privately and semi-privately on some of the most promising lines of this kind of ground defence. Where it is not officially discouraged it gets either no help or very little. Research is not co-ordinated. It is not centrally organised.

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What instruments we use in ground defence could be made enormously better and cheaper. The Predictor (used in anti-aircraft) gunnery is a good example. Costs are high because our instrument making is on a craft basis. It could be, and should be, organised as large-scale production. For instance. There is

DIAGRAM No. 1.

a certain type of galvanometer made here at a price of £7. In the U.S.S.R. it is mass produced at 15s. That example could be multiplied.

It has been argued by the highest authorities that all this is useless, because, as they say,

"It's no use giving the British Army high-precision instruments

because neither officers nor men are educated to use them. The slightest thing goes wrong, your costly instrument is a dead loss, nobody can put it right, and the organisation based on it is thrown out of gear."

An amusing answer has been produced to that argument. "You have Army doctors and Army chaplains. All you've got to do is to create a new rank of Army scientists and leave your lump."

But, I'm told, the field-marshal wouldn't like it.

Voluntary Aid

Ground defence that will beat the bomber is going to be a combination of various forms of defence. The balloon barrage is one kind. Others are being worked on. Important among these others is the aerial mine.

The most advanced proposals for this possibly decisive weapon have been worked out by an organisation called Voluntary Industrial Aid for Spain.

This organisation, as part of the line of conduct it has previously mapped out for itself, already makes possible in a small way what might yet become one of the keys to our safety—the organised co-operation of democratic scientists and technicians.

To this office some time ago there came a technical worker, Mr. W. Davies, sent by the president of one of the most energetic Trade Unions, with plans for an aerial mine.

The idea turned out to be a good one. Other technicians have co-operated. Mathematicians have made calculations. At least one successful experiment has been made. Scientists have given the invention their blessing. It was being purposely kept secret. But when the news of aerial mines broke the other day, secrecy became pointless.

The sketches reproduced here give a diagrammatic notion of what happens.

Sowing The Mines

Mines are to be sown by our own aeroplanes in the path of approaching raiders. The mine-sowers will fly in front just out of gun range (which for an aeroplane is extraordinarily short.)

The mine when dropped consists of a bomb, a deflated balloon attached to it by a reel of 200 feet of wire, and a canister of calcium hydride.

The mine is dropped, a valve is released, water acting on the calcium hydride releases hydrogen which inflates the balloon. Its job done, the canister of used-up calcium hydride is dropped, the balloon rises, the wire unwinds, and we get diagram No. 1.

In the second diagram aeroplane hits the wire. One of three things happen: (1) The wire breaks; (2) it cuts into the wing; (3) it glides over the wing surface and the bomb is pulled up to the aeroplane.

Cheap And Light

Calculations made for V.I.A. have shown that with modern high-tension wire, and with out-

table adaptation to the many other factors involved, a length of wire of 200 feet and a section area of only 0.02 inches should not break.

Then either (2) or (3) happens. If the bomb is drawn up, that's the end of the raider. As for (2), it is worth noting that an aeroplane has been known to fly into the strand of a wireless aerial trailing loose behind another plane. The wire cut through the wings like cheese.

To make certain, however, Voluntary Industrial Aid, working on this invention, has worked out two devices by which a second bomb can descend from the balloon end of the wire.

DIAGRAM No. 2.

One of the alternative developments that have been worked on is a mine sustained by a balloon, which is inflated just before it drops from the mine-sowing plane.

The aerial mine is cheap and light. It can be produced in quantities. It can be sown in smoke screens (which gives opportunity for bluffing). It is one of the devices that may stop the bomber.

It is not for nothing that it is being worked on by an organisation of democratic workers, technicians and scientists formed for the purposes of giving voluntary industrial aid to the Republicans in Spain. V.I.A. want to be able to carry out of all the workshop and laboratory experiments which are still necessary to carry the thing further.

It has not been taken up by the Government—any more than another type of mine invented by Major H. J. Muir has been.

Major Muir's mine consists of an 8oz. bomb attached by a 40ft. strand of wire to a hydrogen-filled balloon. They would be sent up in quantity, and our own aeroplanes would have to keep to the windward of the mine-layers.

Why is official research not proceeding at breakneck speed along these lines? Objections—if they have any—are not scientific or technical.

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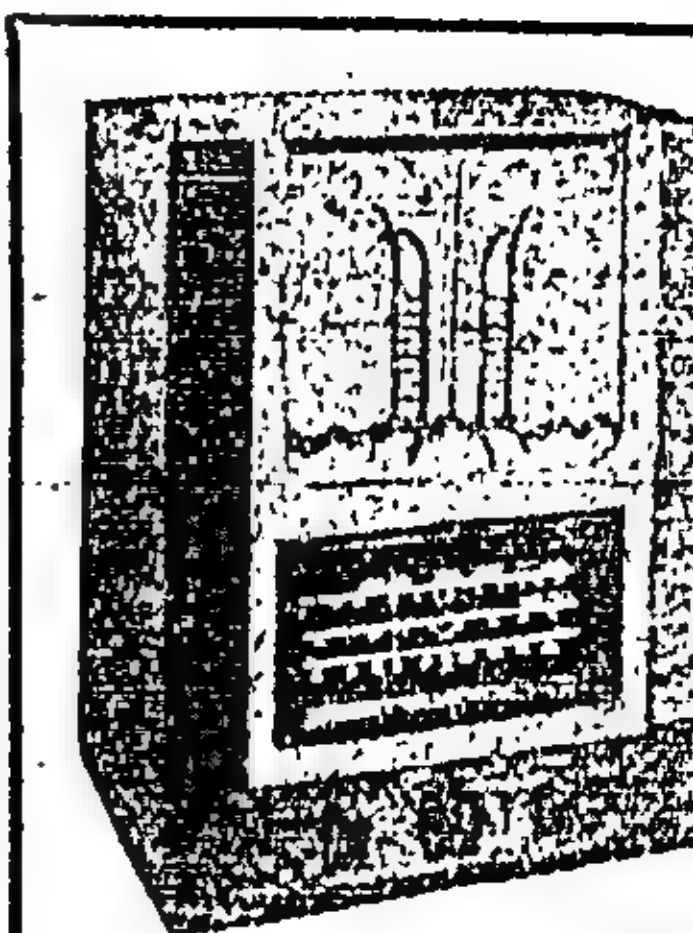
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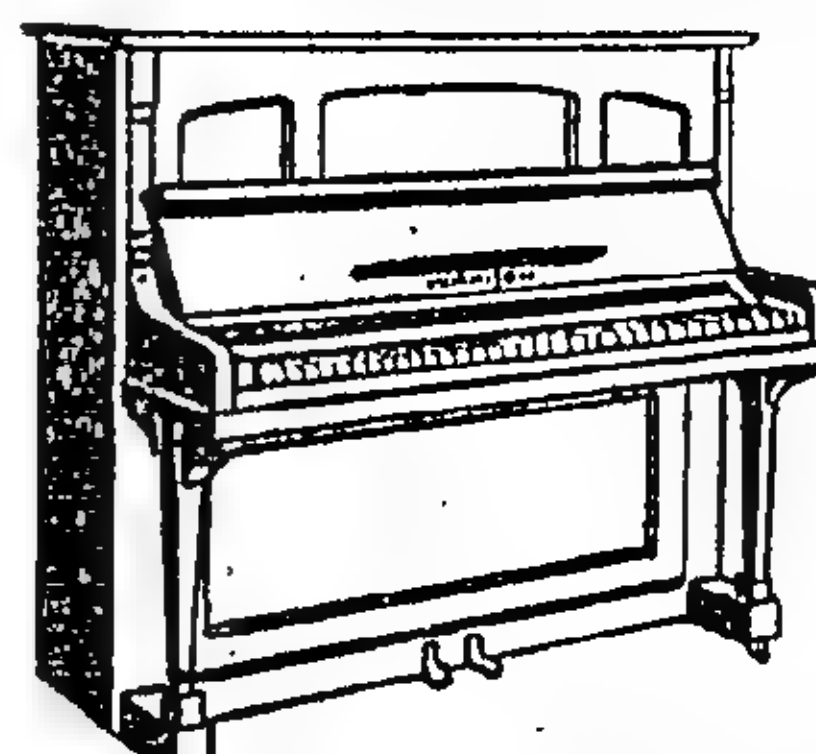
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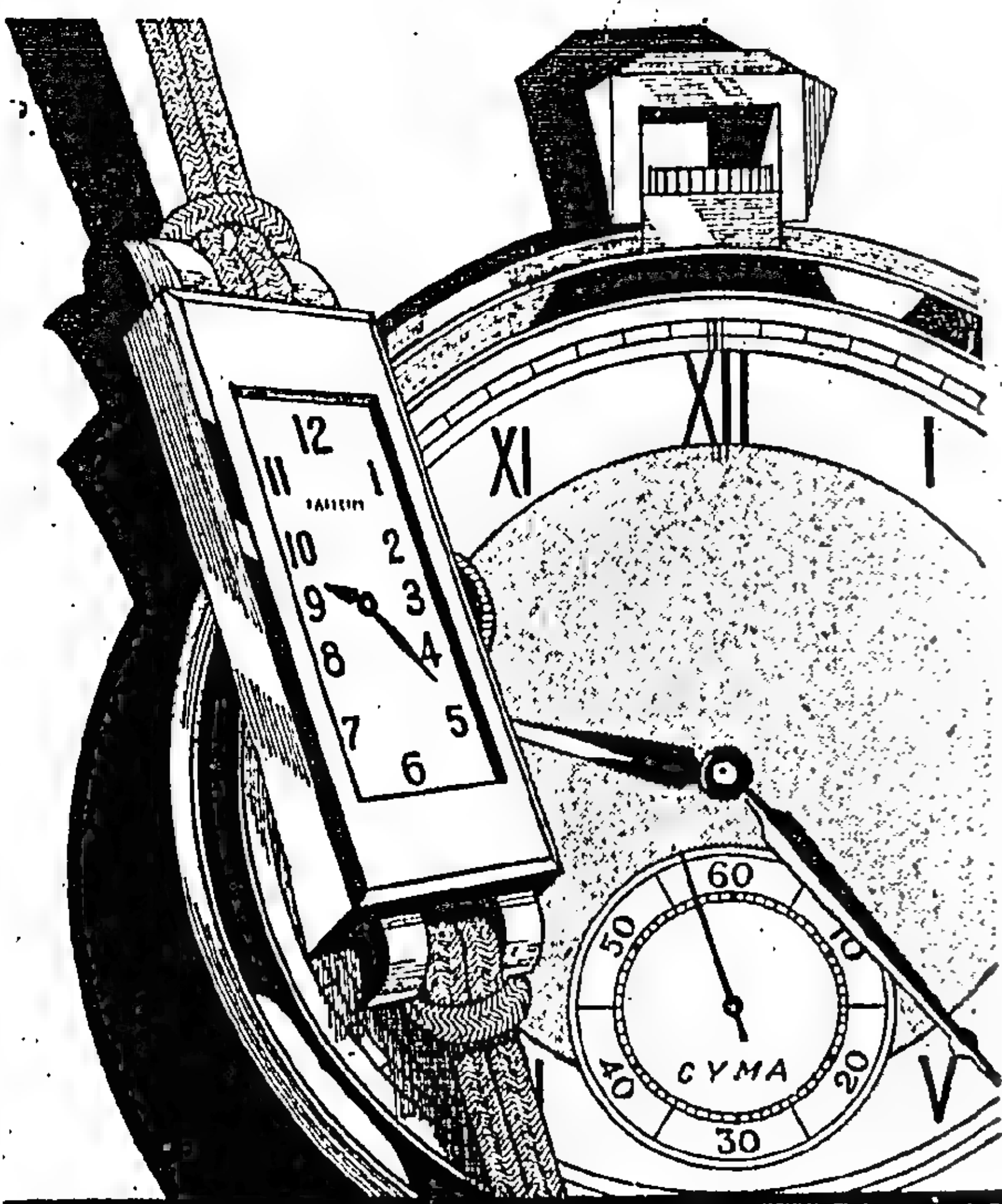
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JAPAN'S NAVAL AIMS

THE Japanese Navy, according to the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, "must be equal to that of the strongest naval Power," and Japan's hope to achieve this stated objective is indicated by the allotment of more than £120,000,000 for a six-year naval building programme. Thus Japan's Navy expands in company with — and in plain token of — her expanding national ambitions over recent years.

At Washington, in 1922, she was content to accept a 5-5-3 ratio of naval strength in relation to Britain and the United States. Twelve years later, at the London Naval Conference, she rejected this inferiority as derogatory to her national dignity, but, while insisting on the principle of parity with the other two great naval Powers, she intimated unofficially that she had no intention of putting the principle — if conceded — into practice.

To-day Japan seems bent, not only on proclaiming her right to equality with "the strongest naval Powers," but also on actually exercising it by embarking on a building programme in competition with the enlarged British programme.

In view of this, it is important to remember that Japan's naval requirements differ considerably from those of the other great naval Powers. America, to protect an extensive coastline, has to maintain fleets in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. Britain, with her far-flung Empire and scattered communications, is obliged, as Mr. Duff Cooper has pointed out, "to find ships for six fleets on all the seas."

Only parts of either the British or the American navies could be available for operation in the Pacific, while Japan, already almost impregnable in her own waters, can concentrate her whole sea power in defence of her Pacific territories. Thus the "parity" which Japan claims would mean, in effect, nothing less than sheer supremacy in the Pacific.

The motive for Japanese naval expansion of the type purposed is suggested, with far-reaching implications, in the second of the three principles upon which Admiral Yonai says that Japan's naval policy is based: that her navy "must have sufficient power to deal with any international friction arising out of the construction of the New Order in Eastern Asia."

Japanese naval strategy, in short, is no longer confined to a defensive protection of her island Empire, but envisages wider conflicts which may result from her aggressive expansion in China and endeavours to realise an Asiatic hegemony.

Such a policy cannot fail to intensify the naval race now proceeding between the three great naval Powers, a race which Japan was largely responsible for initiating, first, by refusing to accept naval limitation except on her own terms of a common upper limit, and then by keeping secret the construction of warships going on in her dockyards. It remains highly questionable, however, whether Japan's financial and economic resources are equal to the magnitude of her proclaimed naval ambitions.

British and American purses are far deeper than that of Japan, who cannot hope to achieve and maintain parity in a prolonged building race. It is possible, therefore, that the new Japanese plans are meant, in reality, more for use as bargaining counters in future naval agreement than for actual support of a "New Order" envisioned in the East.

Italy's abandonment of her role as a passive spectator of her Axis partner's successive acts of ruthless, brutal aggression, has shocked public feeling no less sharply than Herr Hitler's destruction of Czechoslovakia. Invasion of Albania had but one justification, totalitarian expediency, and the excuses advanced in Rome and Berlin are noteworthy only insofar as they expect observers to be so stupid as to accept them. The methods exploited by Herr Hitler to achieve his many "successes" were followed detail by detail by Mussolini, and the only thing which went wrong was that Albania refused to conform to precedent and offered resistance, compelling Italy to resort to military force and deprive herself of self-congratulation on the score of finesse. Ultimatum was followed by an aerial demonstration over Tirana, and a naval demonstration at Durazzo. When Albania refused to succumb to threat, the invasion began.

Yesterday afternoon, it seemed obvious that conquest of the country would not engage Italy overlong. The "armed bands" which Gayda trotted out as a pretext for intervention to rescue the Albanian people from their "oppressors" and fears of revolts, represented the only resistance which Albania could muster in the short time that Italy permitted, and the occupation proceeded very much according to plan, except in the immediate vicinity of Tirana, where Albania's few organised forces put up a stubborn, gallant challenge to the advance.

Likelihood of outside aid to Albania has been virtually ruled out. Britain took the line that more authoritative information was required for accurate appraisal of the proceedings. Nothing, however, could conceal several very clear inferences. The invasion of Albania can be regarded as relatively unimportant in itself. In the chance of a grave matter when Albania was seen as but a pawn in a bigger game. The British anti-aggression proposals have attracted interested attention in Belgrade. Neither Italy nor Germany can view this with approval. Yugoslavia to-day will have Italian troops on her Balkan frontiers, and German troops in the north. Grimmett joke of this week, it is now obvious, was the hint thrown out by "authoritative quarters" that Italy was secretly working for general appeasement in Europe.

Paris was thrown into further fluster by official confirmation of Franco's adherence to the anti-Comintern Pact. The protocol affirming the alliance was signed on March 27, but for reasons known only to the signatories, the fact was only officially revealed on Friday, to coincide with Italy's indication of complete adoption of Axis "ideals." The alleged encirclement policy of the British Government is likely to be met with further "surprises."

The Anglo-Polish talks did

THIS WEEK

agreement on all points affecting Britain and Poland. The unilateral declaration of Britain was extended to embrace an alliance for mutual support. Obstacles arose at every point, however, when the position of the Soviet in the anti-aggression scheme was concerned, and Colonel Beck left with his position unchanged, that it is impossible for Poland, in present circumstances, to be associated with any pact which included Soviet Russia. Nothing prohibits Britain from entering into a separate arrangement with Russia, and the new British unity would not be jeopardised by a speedy understanding.

Rumania still presented a problem. Intimations that Britain had given Rumania an oral assurance in similar terms to the undertaking to Poland have not yet crystallised into a positive contract. Portents were that Rumania would seek to expedite discussion. Mr. Gafencu left for Ankara for information on Turkey's readiness to facilitate Britain's powers of assistance in an emergency. M. Tleia returned to London with proposals for Britain's consideration.

To hasten Rumania's decision came sharp revival of Hungary's revisionist agitation. Budapest spoke of employment of force should Rumania hesitate to enter into self-determination negotiations concerning the population of Transylvania. In line this was with suspicion that Hitler, rather than test the seriousness of the British declaration, would inspire Hungary to aggression in Rumania.

Italy and Germany held staff talks at Innsbruck. Britain and France held military staff talks and important deliberations for air co-operation. The Netherlands looked at the general picture, stopped all army leave and issued a warning to reservists to be prepared for mobilisation orders. Mr. Chamberlain went fishing in Scotland.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: by Professor Sargent Florence
More Power For Democratic Trade

CO-OPERATIVE societies are democratic compared to the joint stock companies that do the bulk of capitalist business on at least four counts. In electing the management, each Co-operative member has one vote, while the company shareholders vote according to the amount of the voting shares they possess. There is no differentiation of Co-operative membership, while company shares may vary in their voting power, permitting a minority of shares to gain control. How can this democratic system of trading be extended to its full potential?

The most important line of effort is perhaps to develop that special asset of the Co-operative society — the very fact that it is a society and not just a business. The smaller societies preserve the society atmosphere, but the larger city and regional societies who now do the bulk of Co-operative trade seem to be losing it.

The central stores of these larger societies should be thought of as a club for its members, with rest, reading and writing-rooms (the three R's of clubdom), and with the type of cafe or milk-bar where members can talk over a soft drink without fear of being "moved on." Indeed, it is somewhat shocking that the Co-operative Movement, with its temperance tradition, should not have initiated the Milk Bar.

The club facilities of every large society might also include playing fields and week-end guest houses in the fine country that so luckily surrounds most of our hideous industrial centres. The plan of holidays with pay offers indeed a great change of democratic service for the Co-operative Movement in the provision of holiday quarters throughout the land.

Taken in isolation, some of these facilities may appear to lose money, but they will bring in members and therefore customers the trading and paying department. The big capitalist department stores, without the initial start of a membership, are finding that

the club atmosphere pays; and the Co-operative societies cannot afford to neglect the great potentialities of their membership basis. The membership basis of Co-operative trading should also be a help in conducting the market research that the more progressive capitalist distributors and producers now adopt as a matter of course.

Many a capitalist trader has told me how he envies the Co-operative societies their loyal member-customers. They should be looked upon not only as a stable element in an unstable world, but as partners with the management in developing new business by forming tasting panels for new food products, by participating in an educational campaign on the new food values that science is now disclosing, by working out acceptable "designs for living," by discovering, in short, the real wants and needs of the consuming public.

It is such market research that will indicate the direction of further Co-operative enterprise in the use of the large funds that have been accumulated. Members are, I believe, ready and willing to enter into such democratic partnership, as is shown by their lively interest and constructive criticism at quarterly meetings or in their Guilds. But this willingness needs scientific direction and guidance by market research experts if it is to expand Co-operative enterprise.

Management has also become a science, and if it is to extend its trading methods to their full potential, democracy must learn to use expert managers. Hitherto democracy has perhaps been applied too crudely and directly for the attainment of the possible efficiency. The full-time "managing" directors of the C.W.S. and S.C.W.S. are elected by direct voting, the managers and higher officials of all societies rise to their positions mainly by seniority, though seemingly equitable means in practice that

he who has been employed at the youngest age, with the least schooling, gets to the top first. The seniority principle also assumes that men are born with equal capacities, a proposition which modern psychological science certainly disproves.

Surely promotion by merit, whether inborn or acquired by experience or by education, is fundamentally no less democratic than promotion by seniority.

With an enlightened forward programme, a great expansion of Co-operative trading is possible, even though there is no change in the outlook of the central government. But a fairer policy on the part of a sympathetic State might help expansion considerably.

At present the Co-operative societies labour under at least two remediable handicaps. The conditions of employment they offer are more generous than their competitors; and in the very trades where Co-operative societies were forging ahead — especially coal and milk — restrictions have been imposed upon output or prices.

Now Government could, by extending Trade Boards to all distributive trades, enforce a minimum wage with standard hours on those who compete successfully only by exploiting labour; and as to the restrictions on output or prices, since it was the Government that imposed them, the Government could certainly remove them.

Without restrictions and with standard conditions of employment Co-operative societies may well, in fact, achieve a monopoly in their areas, while the attempt to do so will at least give a healthy stimulus to their efficiency.

Thus there need be no fear that the two democratic trading systems will come in conflict. Free to develop their potential capacity in the competitive field, under standard conditions of employment, the Co-operative societies may be confident that with proper technique their competitive efficiency will prove overwhelming.

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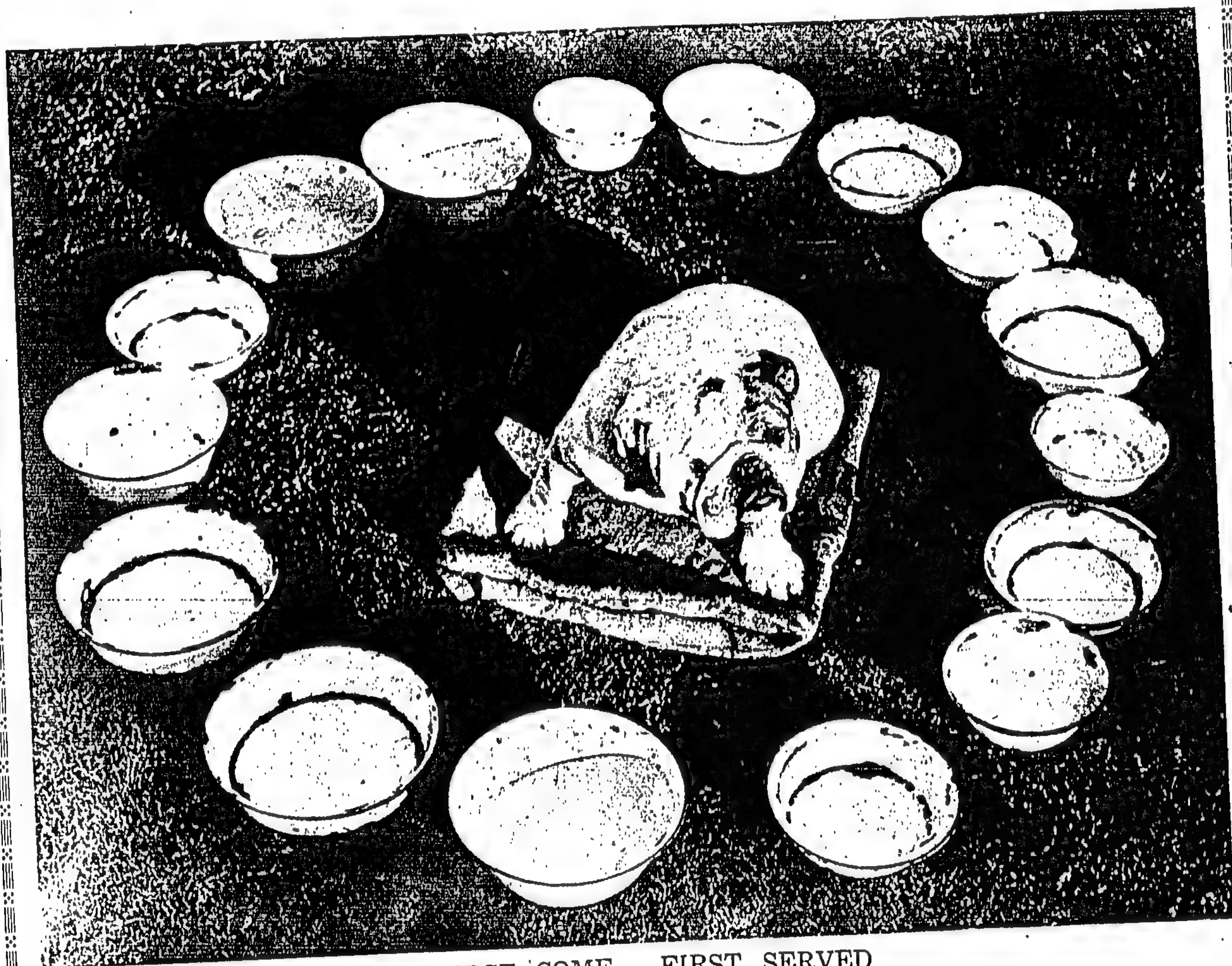
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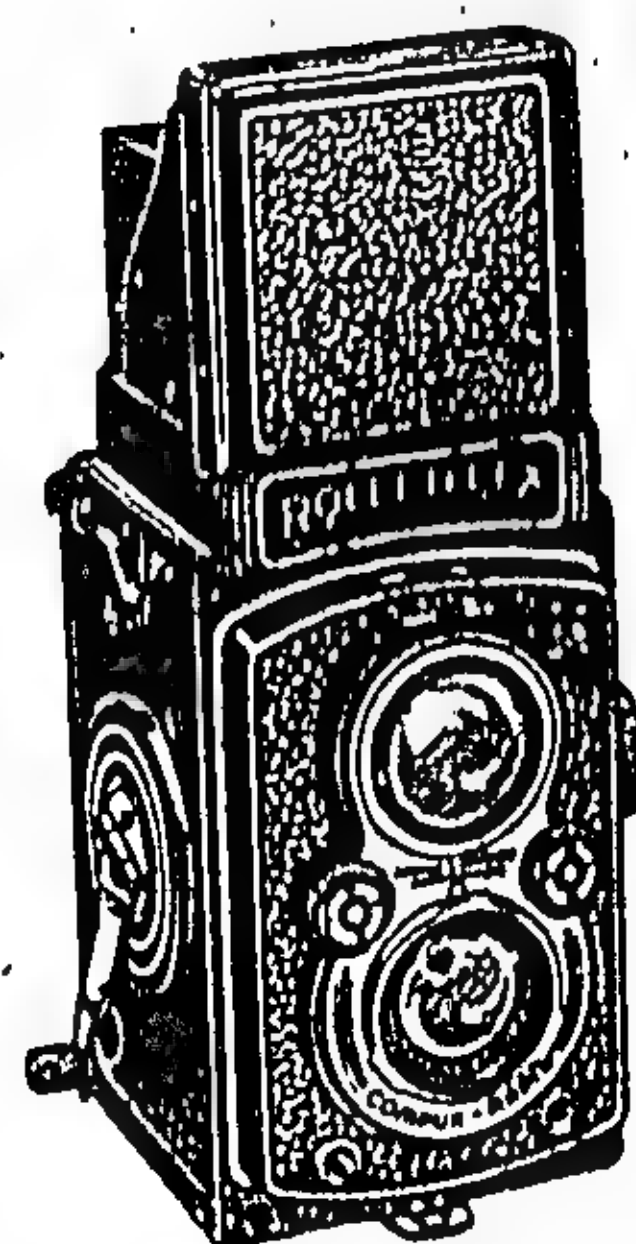
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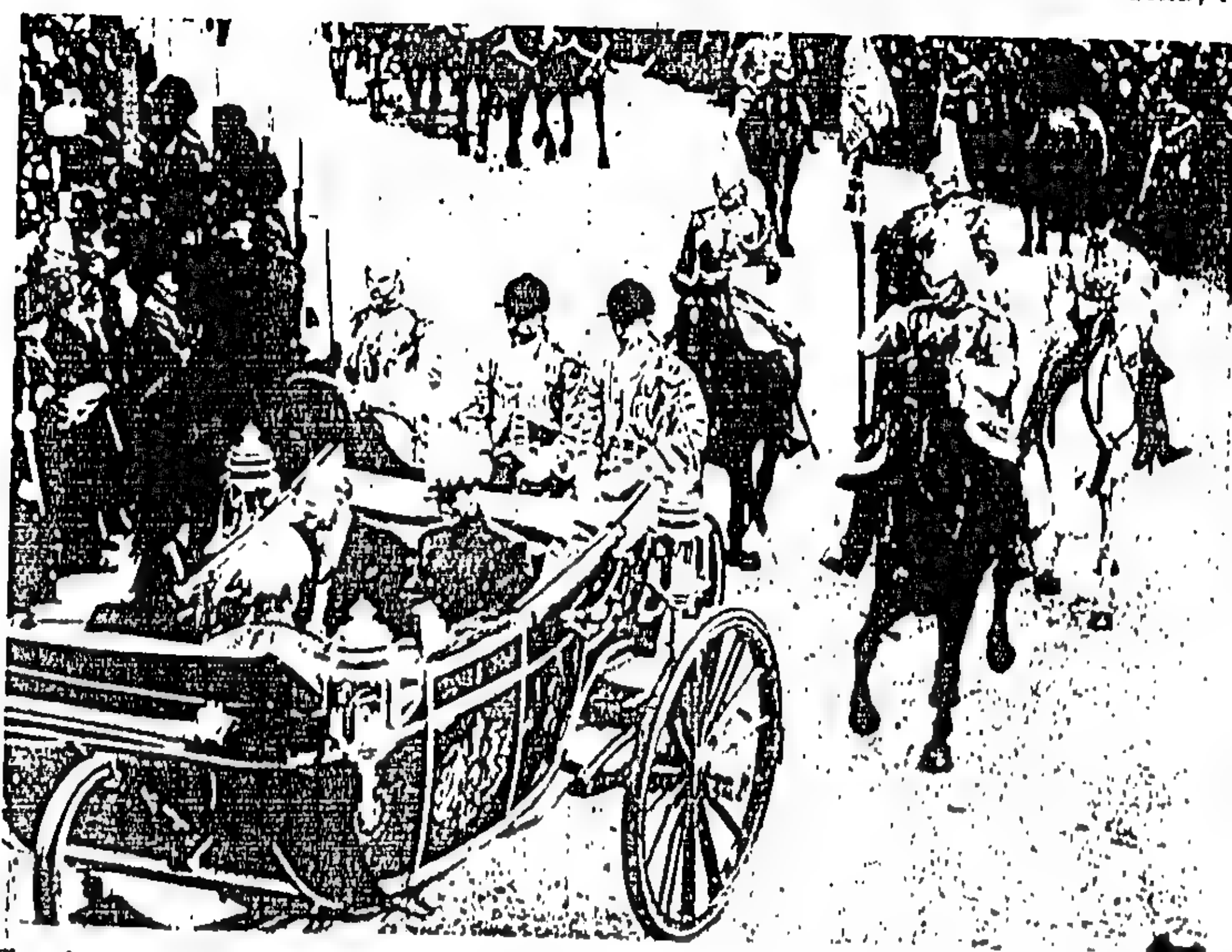
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A charming close-up of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent arriving at the Savoy Theatre on the evening of March 3rd to see the French Comedie Francaise players. It was her first public appearance since her holiday. (Copyright, Fox).



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor attended a ceremony at the Invalides, Paris, in connection with the 20th anniversary of the American Legion, and are seen above standing among other spectators. (Copyright, Fox).

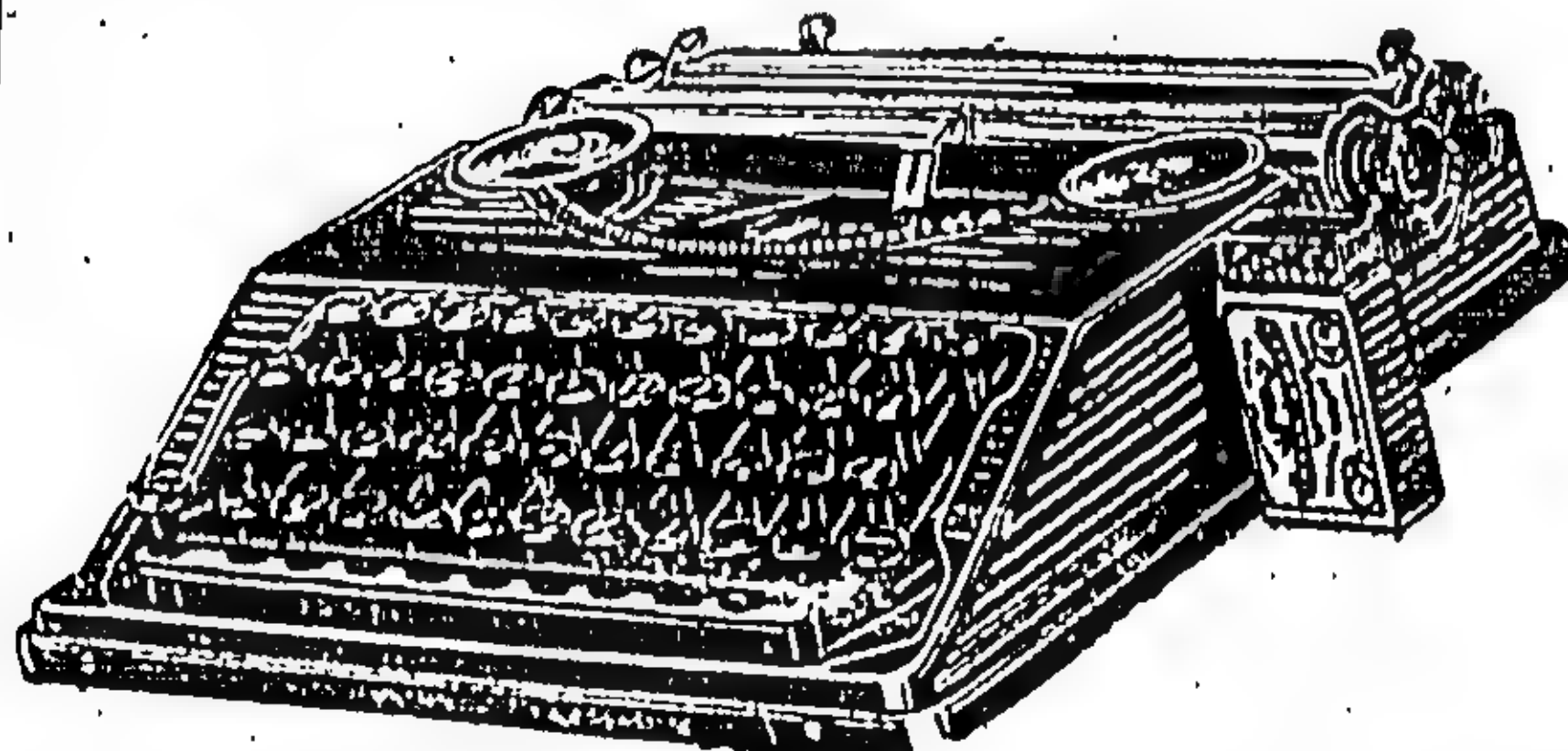
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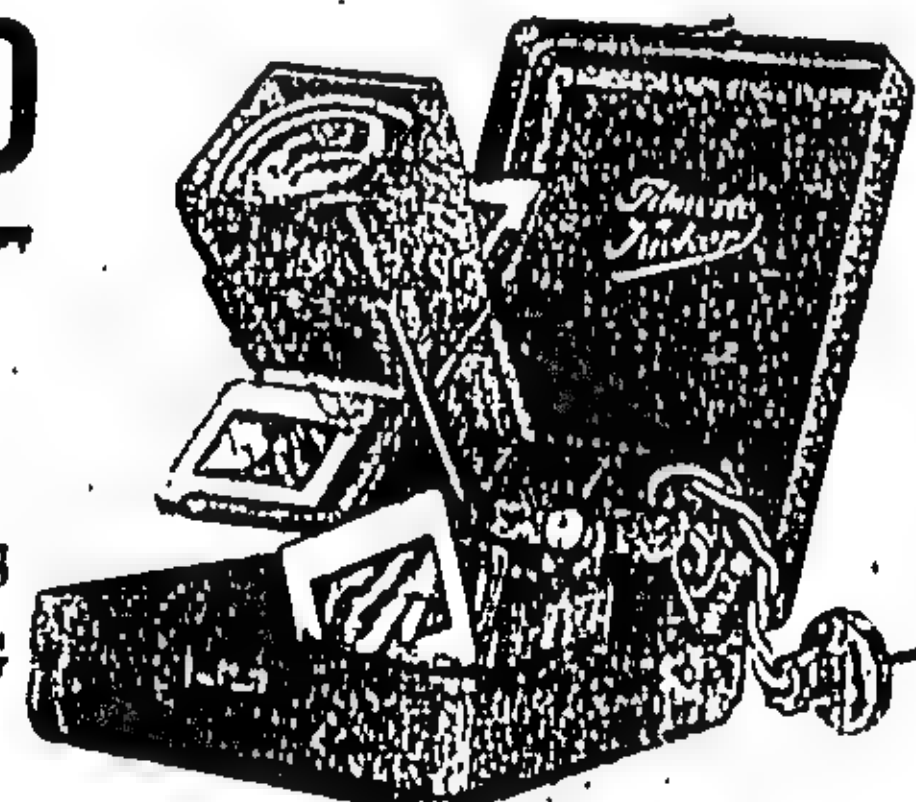


Their Majesties, the King and Queen, visited Sandown Park for the Grand Military Meeting on March 17th, and were photographed while taking a stroll in the paddock. The Queen set a new racing fashion with her grey broadtail coat and tartan scarf. (Copyright, Fox).

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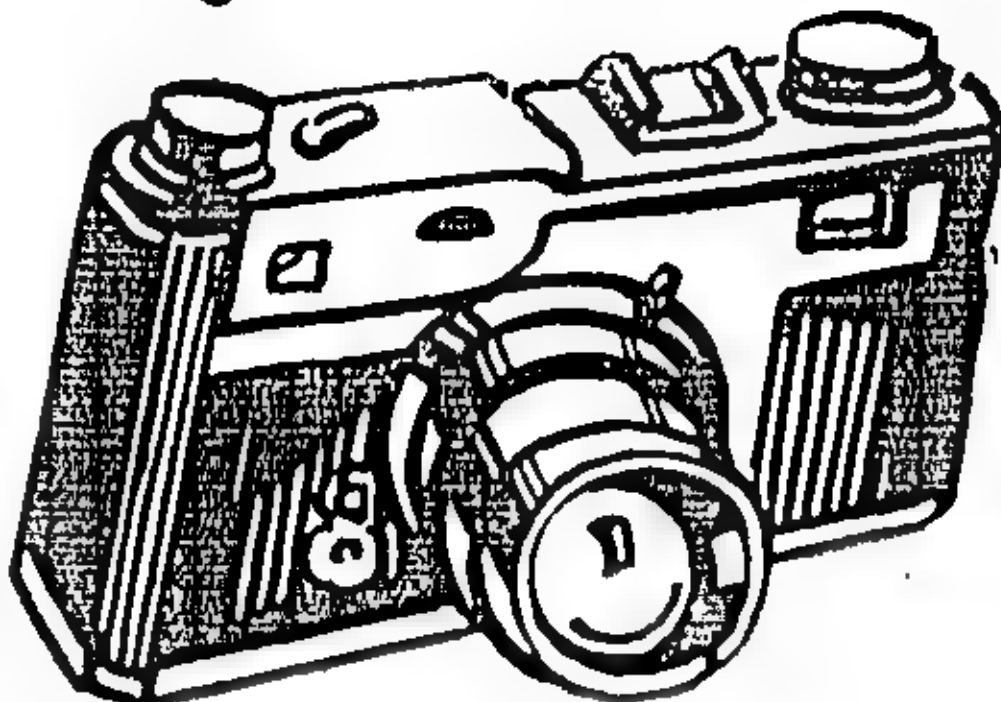
In the opinion of the judges the best entry submitted for the March Competition was "Country Morning" by Mr. Lo Ka-ki. To arrive at a decision was not an easy task. In fact, we were all agreed that it was a particularly difficult job, made all the more so by the customary late arrival of a number of exceptionally fine entries. Subject to the owners' permission, I am retaining a number of these entries for publication in subsequent issues. The customary reproduction fee of \$1.00 for each picture published will, of course, be paid.

BUYING A CAMERA

Two friends of mine, contemplating the purchase of a camera, have been finding difficulty in making up their minds as to the exact type they would like to own.

Broadly speaking their choice lies between the three types illustrated on this page, and the chief consideration as I see it is really the use to which the final selection will be put.

Before briefly describing these three types, however, I will say a word or two on lenses. Generally speaking, the faster the lens, the more expensive it is, and money is never wasted on ensuring a really



Miniature camera with built-in range-finder and focal-plane shutter.

good lens in one's camera. The advantages of the faster lens are twofold. One, you can make pictures under much more difficult conditions, such as for example, interiors, in the shade and on dark days, etc. Two, a faster lens allows you to use a greater shutter speed and you can get faster action without blur.

The lens of the box camera is about F.16. A camera with a lens of F.2, for instance, will permit of your taking a picture in 1/60 the light required by the box camera with its F.16 lens. F.2 is about the fastest you get in lenses. Popular sizes are F.3.5, F.4.5, F.5.6, and F.6.3. With the higher priced cameras, of course, there is a variable diaphragm which enables one to use the lens at full aperture of, say, F.3.5, then F.4.5, F.5.6 and so on down to F.16 or F.22. In the main, the average man will have little use for a lens above F.3.5. The anastigmat and the more expensive types are sufficiently corrected for all purposes and most of them will give a negative which can be enlarged many times.

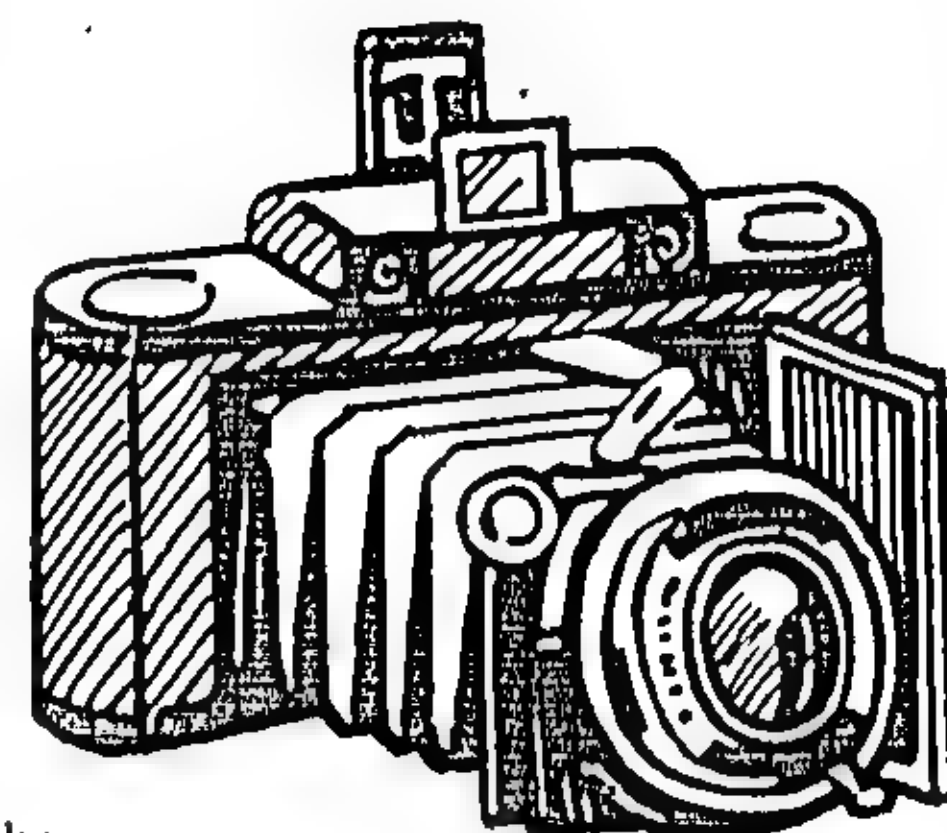
Having come to some decision about the lens, it is now up to you to pick the type, and here it is a case for personal likes and dislikes, for apart from other considerations there is not much to choose between them, even when weighing the question of upkeep. However, in the long run Type (3) would probably be the most suitable. Another factor is the handiness of a type. Some people I know abhor carrying a camera about around their necks and want one

which slips into a fairly large pocket. There are models which can practically be slipped into one's waistcoat pocket, but we are not concerned with these at the moment.

Of the models illustrated there are many makes, some very compact, some less so. Some have refinements that one others do not possess and vice versa, but they are all excellent for their purpose and in general there is not much to compare between them. The man who wishes to take record pictures above the average, under good and bad conditions, and who may want to try his luck at some of the exhibitions, should select Types (1) or (3). For the enthusiast who wants something more modern and, perhaps, has to consider space and travel, etc. should choose Type (2).

As regards Type (1), the twin-lens reflex, this model employs twin lenses, the top one being used as a finder lens, and the bottom lens which holds the shutter is used for taking the picture. The finder lens throws the image on a mirror that reflects it on a ground-glass screen in front of the eye. The image is shown right side up and in full size, which, of course, makes composition of the picture very easy. The picture size is usually 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" and 12 pictures can normally be taken. This size is sufficiently large for mounting in your album and very fine enlargements are possible. The chief disadvantage, if it can be called that, is its bulkiness in comparison with the size of picture it takes. However, this is compensated for by the many other uses and adaptations to which this type can be put, and it has become a most popular type in use.

The miniature roll-film camera employing a range-finder, Type (2), has become very popular in recent years. It generally takes 36 pictures of 35 mm. motion picture film, each picture being about 1" x 1 1/2". This size of negative is too small to give contact prints, and enlargements must be made. When contemplating the purchase of a camera of this



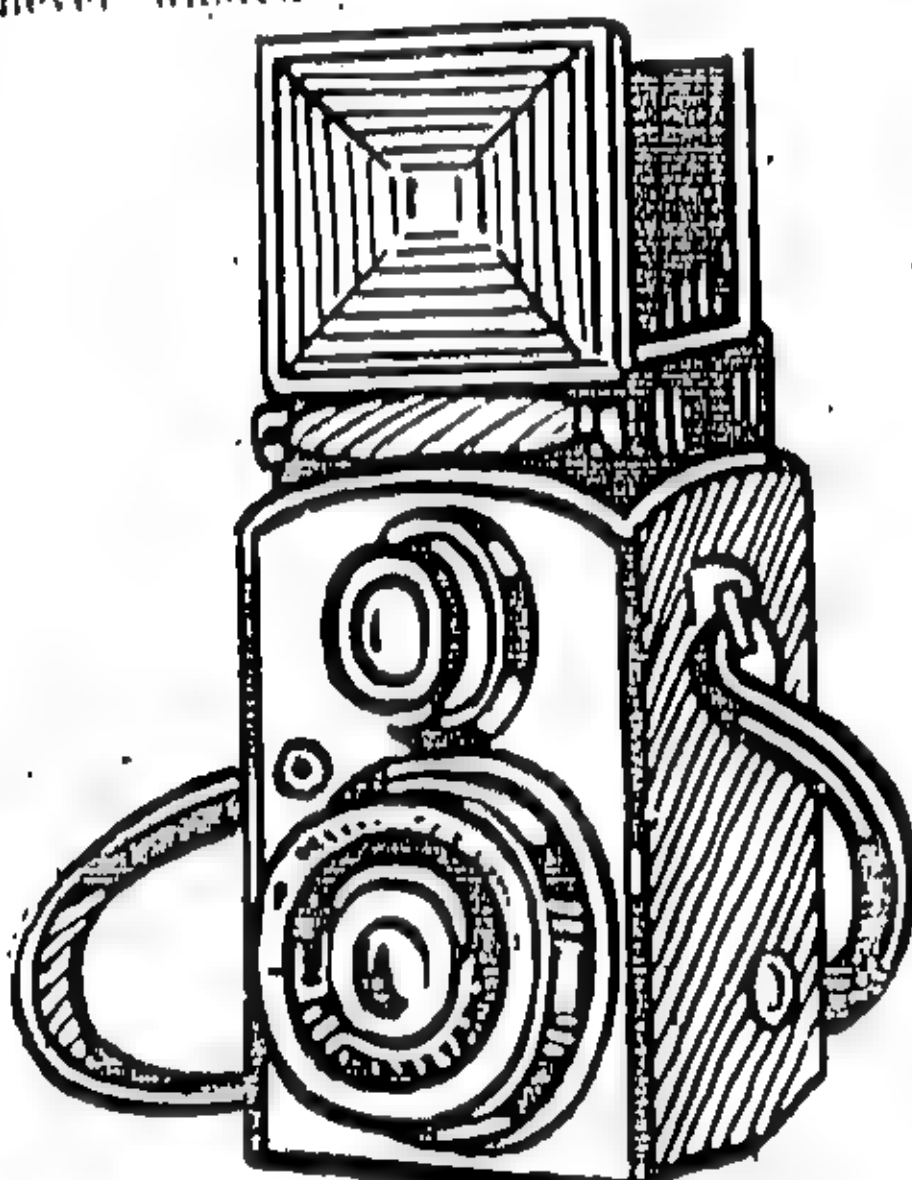
Roll-film camera with built-in range-finder and between-the-lens shutter.

type it would be advisable to bear this well in mind. Small negatives are inexpensive to make, but then you have the cost of enlargements, although, as with any other type, you would only enlarge those you really required. Big negatives make splendid enlargements but then again big negatives are more expensive to take. In trying to find the happy medium you may care to consider Type (3), the roll-film camera with built-in range-finder.

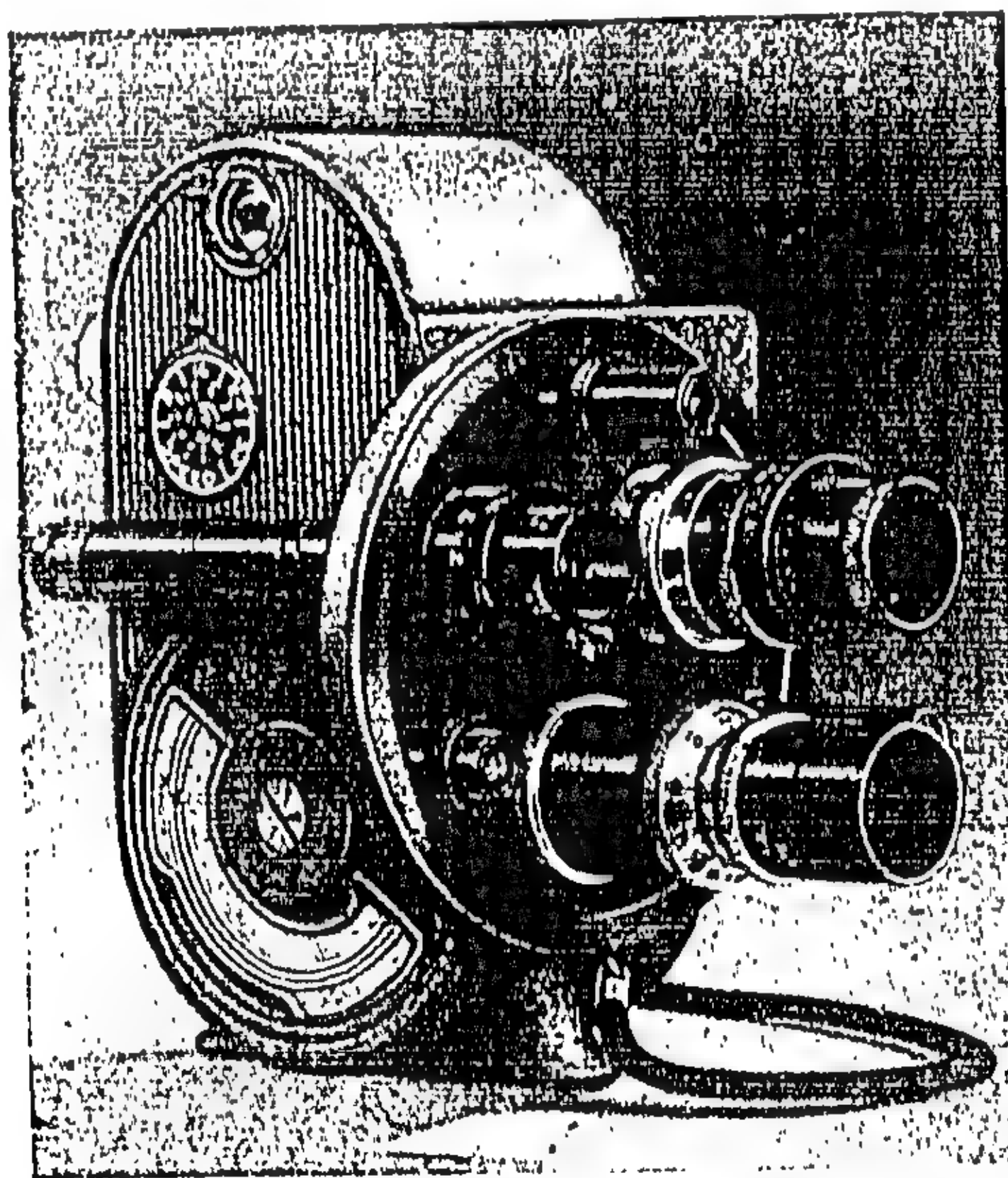
The average size of negative with this type is 3 1/4" x 2 1/4", which is at once a good contact print, making an excellent enlargement.

Not all roll-film cameras are fitted with range-finders, but those that are, are fast becoming popular. The lens and finder are connected in this type. In looking through the view finder, two images are seen which coincide when the camera is focussed, thus eliminating all guess-work when focussing a subject. With their fine lenses and other refinements, this type of camera can be regarded as universal, and for the man who wants a moderately priced model, yet a bit above the average in ability, this might be his choice.

Another point I would suggest is, take plenty of time to make up your mind. Consider well how much you are prepared to spend, go to a good dealer and don't forget to ask his advice.



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PAGE-----M'LADY



Wrong



Right

To prove to the cynical among you that it is indeed the province of the hair-dresser rather than the magician to change a round face into an oval one, we present the right and wrong for the full of face. At left you see a round face made even more so by this hair-do, created by Paul of Charles of the Ritz as a bad example. The low part makes it seem even rounder. Flat treatment across the top of the head adds extra fullness. Short, fluffy side curls emphasise the breadth of the face and make it pudgy. Hair piled on top of her head gives length, as you can see at right. It brings out her features from the fleshy background. The sides are flat, so as not to give any extra width, but the top curls are high, appearing to lengthen and to narrow the whole face.



You will strive for the gay and the novel in bathing suits this year, like these two costumes shown above. The one at left combines a smooth lastex front with an elastic shirred *derriere* and is bravely painted with pictures of swashbuckling pirates. The suit at right reverses the process and puts elastic shirring in the front. Scenes of Harlem are painted on this one. (Copyright, Fox).



To wear with your gay swim suit come beach shoes like these. The one on the left has a thick cork sole and is fashioned of brightly coloured cord. At right is a new type of laced-leather shoe with thick layers of rubber for heels. (Copyright, Fox).



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Crying Is Good For You

"A good cry" is a safety valve for your emotions and a natural trick of repressed womanhood. To stifle one's tears and dam up the emotional flow is bad for the nerves.

EVERY woman cries. Weeping may not be a habit with her; it may take a great deal to make her cry. She may shed tears in private and even her immediate family may not know that she cries — yet, whether young, middle-aged or advanced in years, the tear ducts of any and all women seldom want for exercise.

Whenever an expression becomes popular and forces its way into general use, you may be sure that a sound psychological reason is behind it. I refer particularly to the statement so often heard among women that they have had a "good cry."

Nor could anything be truer than that. A woman can have a good cry, because, actually, crying is good for a woman!

"Yes," quite candidly admitted a lady of my acquaintance whom I questioned on this subject some time ago, "I cry. And I don't mind saying that I cry for many and different reasons."

"I cry when I'm sad and I cry when I'm glad. I cry when anything annoys me and I get angry. Sentiment makes me cry. I cry when I hear stirring music. In short, anything to do with feeling makes me cry."

That weeping gives relief to a woman, and that such relief is pleasurable in nature are other points that you readily will corroborate, I'm sure.

The inner emotional commotion mentioned above gives rise to a feeling of tension. The flow of tears that breaks that tension and the relief experienced gives rise to a pleasurable sensation. Not only, therefore, can we say from a scientific and health point of view that crying is beneficial to women, we can go a step further and say that crying should be fostered by women.

To be sure, I do not mean to imply that a woman should deliberately cry as much as possible in order to get a "kick" out of it. Such artificial overindulgence would defeat its own object.

Weeping would then become a habit and, as with any other habit, or with anything too often repeated, it would become automatic and stilted and lose the values of charm and emotional relief.

I do recommend tears, however, because women by and large are too repressed.

Despite the headway made in women's freedom, the average woman still suffers from too much bottling up and throttling of emotions.

I say this as a behaviorist. The number of individuals of the feminine gender who suffer from functional nerve troubles, due to repression, is legion.

Women, you see, have so much emotion—there is apparently an unlimited supply of it—that even if heaps of it are projected on a sweetheart or a husband, on father or mother, on children or a home, on pet animals or their jobs—whatever it may be—there still remains a lot to be taken care of.

It is this overplus of emotion which leads to so much weeping among women. And since crying is a natural outlet for it, it is logical that every woman should foster it.

Some women seem to be ashamed to cry and, as one of them expressed it, they think "it shows weakness."

On the contrary, weeping only reveals a weakness in the character make-up when it is motivated by self-pity or when it is practiced deliberately to gain sympathy.

I know such a person. She forever feels so sorry for herself that she also tries to make her husband and children feel sorry for her. The crying she forces to the fore is a kind of trick and a snare. Nor does it help her any or make her feel better. Crying in her case makes her feel worse.

"My husband is a strong-willed man," said a lady one day, "and I have noticed that he becomes angry when he is wrought up



Hundreds of girls are now taking up hairdressing and beauty culture as a career, and at the L.C.C. Barret-Street Technical School, London, a thorough training is given in all branches of the work. The above photograph shows students learning how to apply a mud pack to face and arms, and the girl with the fan is drying the mud pack on the victim's face. (Copyright, Fox).

emotionally in any way. In other words, given an emotional circumstance, he gets mad while I weep."

Yes, it is true that men are ashamed to cry and that often their overplus of emotion finds an outlet in anger and even in profanity and obscenity.

Men, of course, are not as emotional as women. They do not respond always to the same emotional values as women. They hold their emotions more in check.

Yet when all is said and done, there is no reason why a man should not cry and "let off steam," so to speak, as well as a woman. The trouble, is, since men cry

comparatively seldom, they do not get the pleasure out of it they might. For lack of practice their weeping becomes sobbing—and it hurts.

Never hesitate to cry if you feel like it but, because it may affect others with sadness, it is usually best to cry in private.

Cry when you need to and when you want to and don't worry about what other women may think of you, because probably they cry too, and if they don't, they should!

A "good cry" is a safety valve for your emotions and a natural trick of repressed womanhood.

Such Language

ERRORS in language always get laughs—the Frenchman who says: "Zis" and "zat," the Englishman who says "Olive oil but not good-bye." There is no end to this kind of thing—spoonerisms, slips of the tongue, and so forth. The unhappy foreigner draws most laughs, though. I once knew a little, globular-headed Accra negro, who used to stride into A.B.C. teashops, and say:—

"Bong."

Nobody knew what he meant. Waitresses were called, but he still said: "Bong," with a superb display of teeth. Only when the manageress appeared did he explain himself: "Bath bong."

This, however, is a digression from the tale I started to tell. It really happened, in Sweden, to a man on holiday. He had wandered away from his boat, and could not find the way back. So

he approached a group of natives. Knowing no Swedish, he asked, in German:—

"Wo ist das dampschiff?"

They did not understand him. He went on, in Dutch:—

"Waar is de stoomvaart?"

They were even more bewildered. "Stoomvaart," he said, making pictures with his hands. "Puff-puff. Bateau. Ou est le bateau?" He imitated the noise of a siren: "Ooooo . . . Ooooo!"

But it was impossible for him to extract any intelligible response. He wandered about the coast for some hours before arriving, hot and bedraggled, at the ship.

As soon as he was on board, he asked an officer:—

"What is the Swedish for boat?"

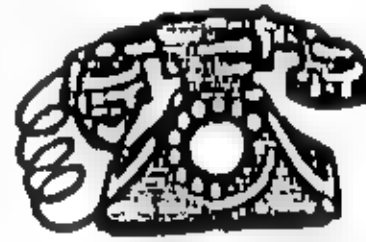
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THERE is little enough to laugh at in present-day world politics. All the same, certain wry jokes creep in from the ideological battle-fronts.

One of the grimmest comes from Vienna.

One man says to another: "I hear that another hundred Jews have committed suicide in Vienna." And with a shrug of resignation comes the reply: "Well, you can't blame them for wanting to better themselves."

And again: The Germans in occupation there have been compelled to scrap their existing stock of gas-masks.

The faces of the Viennese have got so long!

There is an old one about Russia, told, I think, about Ordjonikidze, Commissar for Heavy Industries. He was delivering a speech:—

"And consider furthermore, comrades, the progress we have made in the past twelve months. Comrades, take only the case of the Avenue-Budyenny. From a waste-ground, this place has become a paradise, lined with noble buildings, stately trees, and paved like a Parisian boulevard."

"But Comrade Ordjonikidze," said one of the audience, "I live on the Avenue Budyenny, and there are no buildings. The only tree there is one blasted plane-tree. The only houses are corrugated iron shanties. There are no pavements."

"Sabotageurs! Liars! Trotskyists!"



"Thief! Fink! Bourgeois!" shouted the speaker. "Observe, comrades, an enemy of the workers! He walks the streets gaping, instead of reading the papers to see what is really going on in his country!"

And more recently, there comes this story, from Spain:—

An American journalist was interviewing General Franco.

"Might I ask, General, where you get your guns?"

"Our guns? From Italy."

"And your aeroplanes?"

"From Italy and Germany."

"And your soldiers?"

"From Morocco."

"And your ammunition?"

"From Germany and Italy."

"But General Franco, is there nothing about your army which might be described as Spanish?"

"But certainly, my friend."

"What?"

"The target."

Then, one of the oldest of the political jokes:—

There was a lady in Germany who gave birth to quadruplets, whom she named Adolf, Hermann, Streicher, and Goebbels.

A district leader called on her. "Your name, madam?"

"Dorothea Lohmann."
"Heil Hitler! Congratulations, Mrs. Lohmann, on your patriotic gesture."

And the lady replied: "Miss Lohmann."

And again, a wisecrack from America:—

"In Russia, now, things are so bad, they have to use borscht for blood-transfusions."

Low, greatest of all the political satirists, proved irrepressible.

He started, in his "Topical Budget," a little strip called "Hit and Muss," in which two absurd manikins (one with a Charlie Chaplin moustache, and the other with a bald skull and an undershot jaw) made fools of themselves. The inference was all too plain. I believe that there were complaints from the direction of Germany.

Diplomatically, you may say what you like about Mussolini; but an affront to Hitler is an insult to a Head of State. Anyway, the strip ceased abruptly; and in its place appeared Muzzler—a conception of genius, which combines the most absurd features of the men whose names begin with Hit—

and Muss—

It was a master-stroke. Nobody could raise a squeak of protest.

And so Low's Muzzler struts, in his big boots, with his toothbrush moustache and his rolling jaw, from imbecility to imbecility; and two birds of prey are struck with one stone.

To conclude:—

Even as we were writing the word "stone," somebody flourished a grim little joke inspired by the Sino-Japanese war. A Jap, with a sharp bayonet, is pursuing an unarmed Chinese.

Underneath, a two-word caption:—

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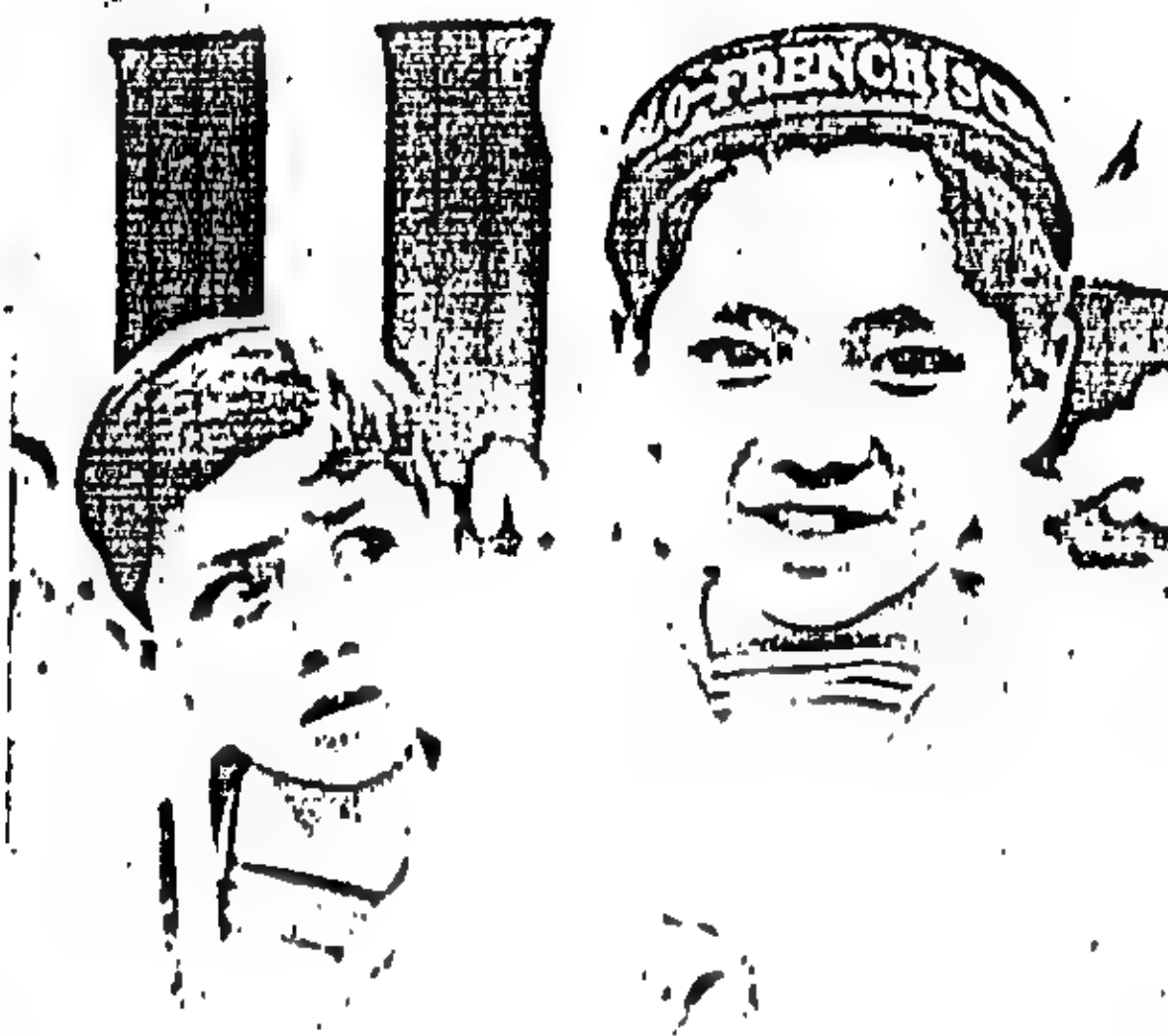


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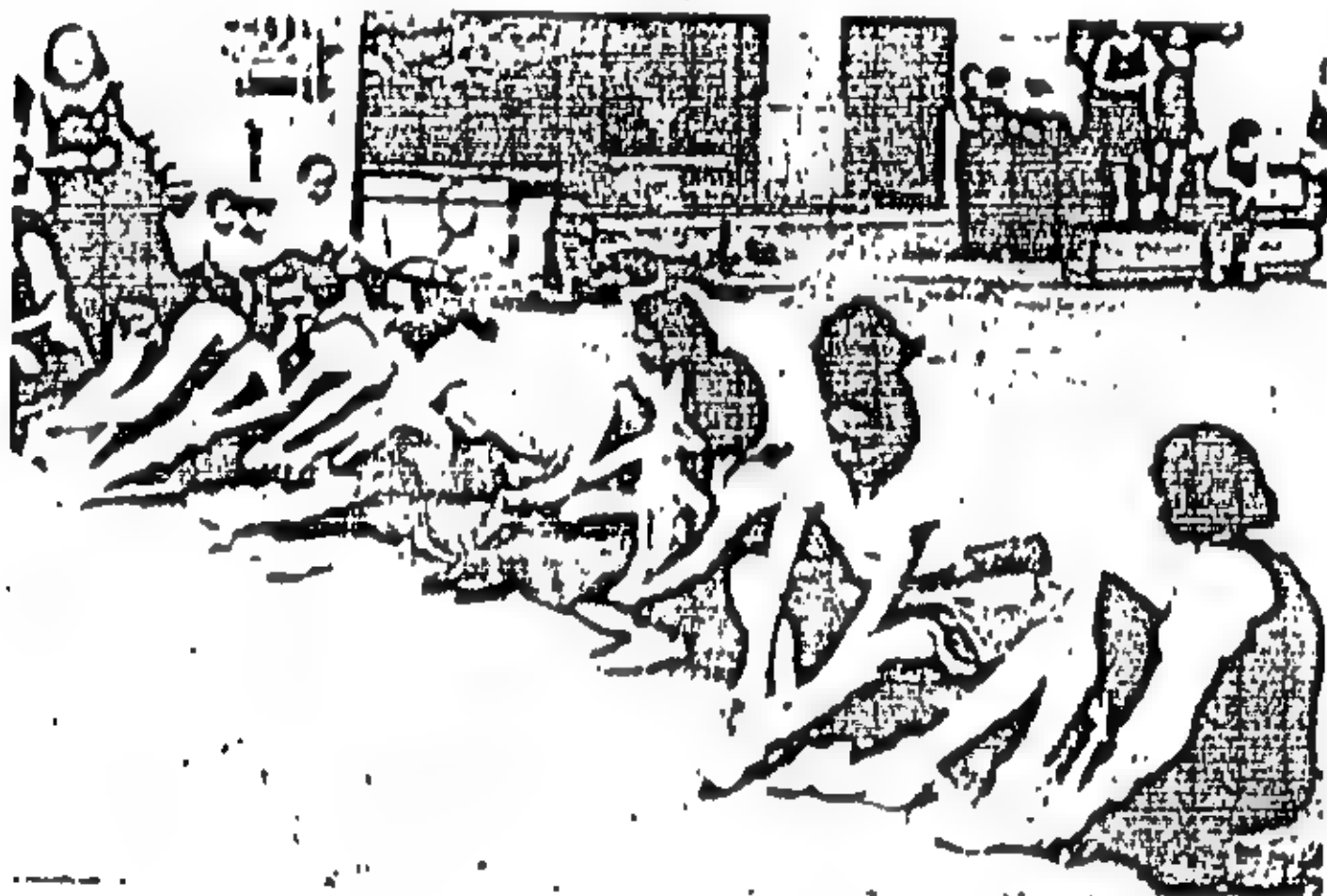
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The Boys' Sack Race at the French Convent School sports was won by Master Henry Ling smiling above.



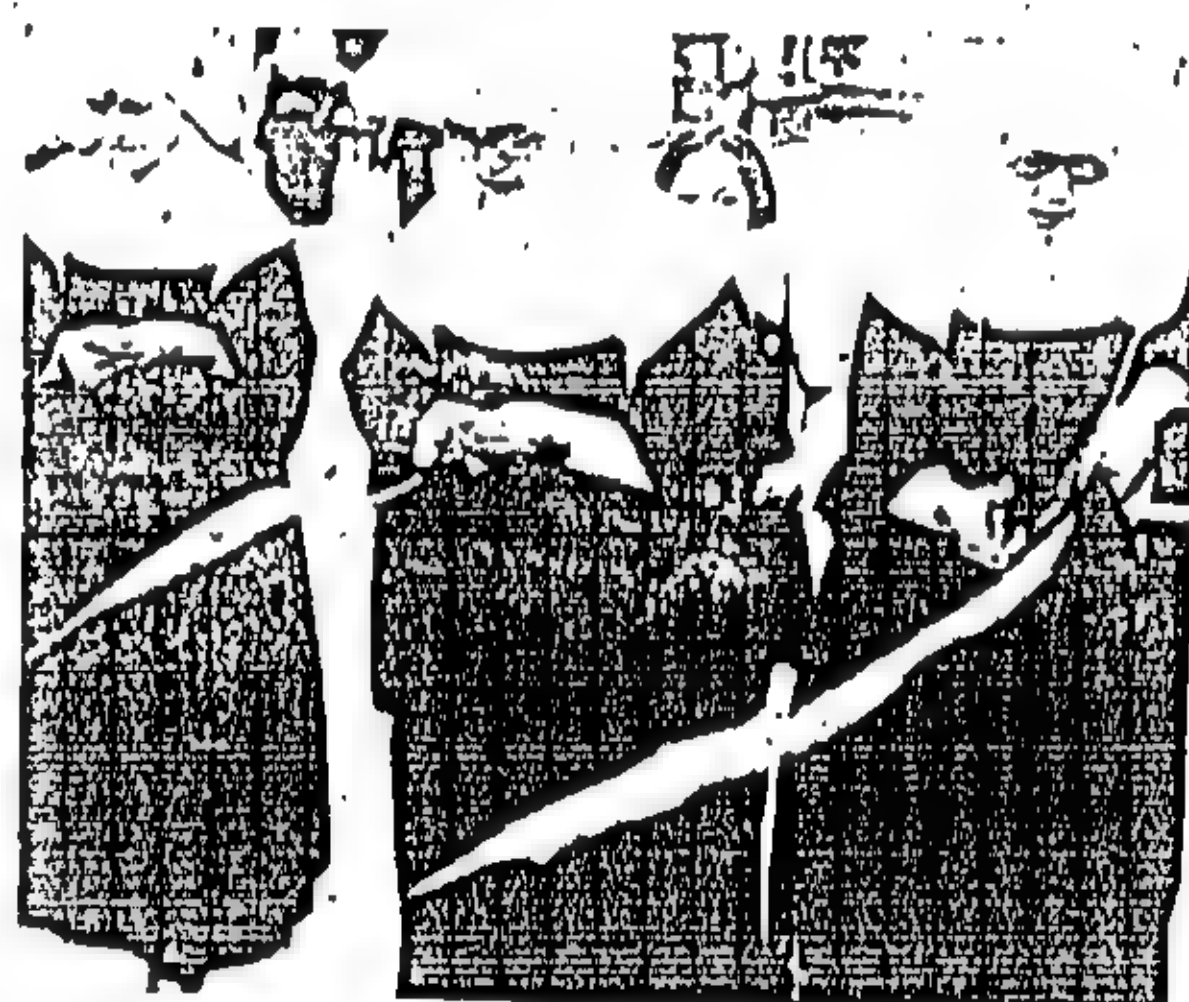
Competitors in the Senior Obstacle Race photographed at the second obstacle which called for quick action in the putting on of socks and shoes.



A group of small boys looking up the programme for the next event.



Action during the Junior (Class 6) and Senior (Class 2) Relay Races.



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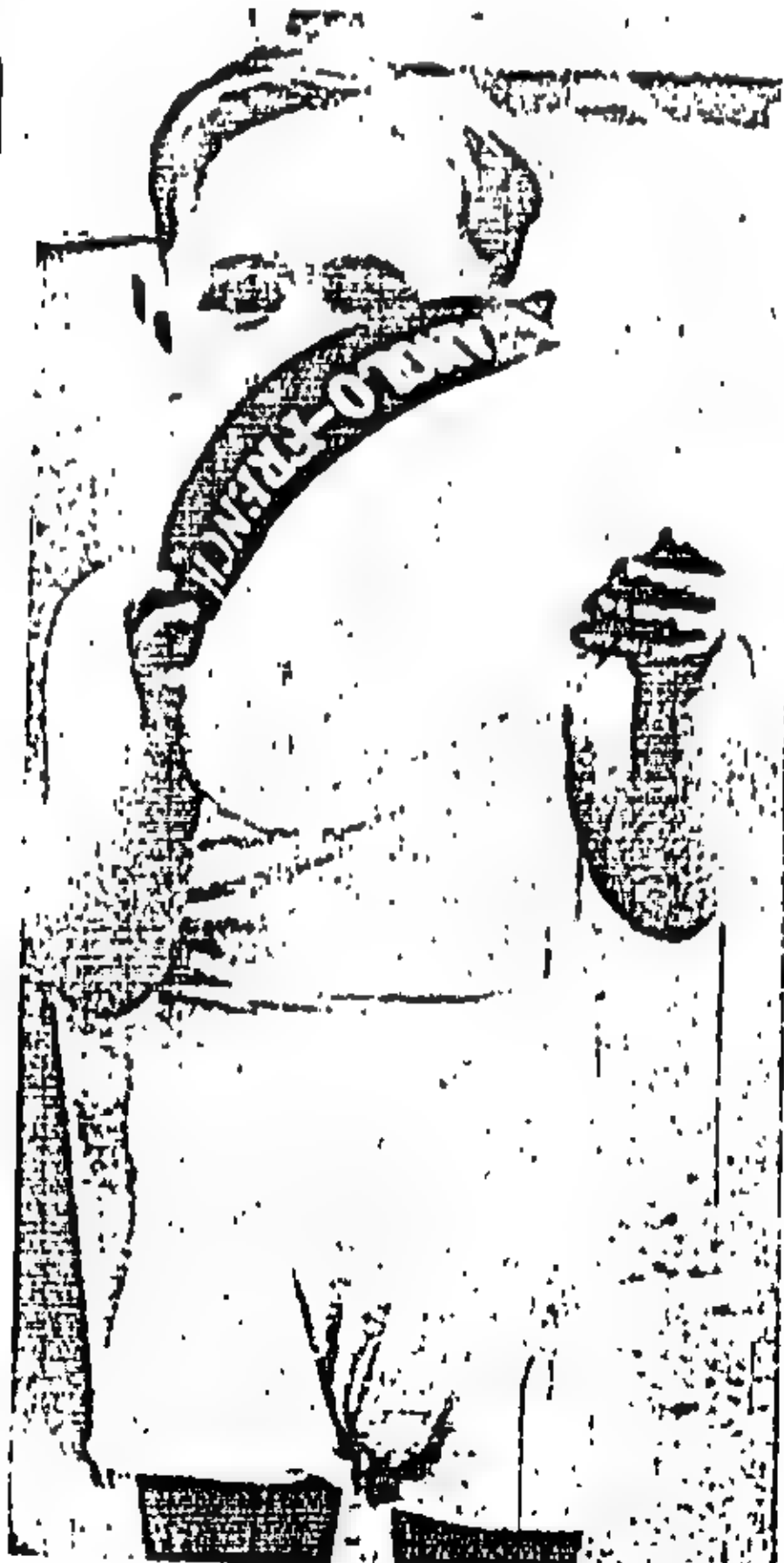
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Miss Iris Woolley, captain of the Hong Kong Ladies' Interport Hockey team, displays the Hong Kong pennant on board the s.s. Yu Sang shortly before the ship sailed for Shanghai last Sunday.



The Hong Kong Ladies Interport Hockey team photographed on the boat deck. Front row: Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss B. Barker, Miss M. Westcott, Mrs. I. Stone, Mrs. Webb, Miss J. Greig, Miss Woolley, and Mrs. J. Lunnon (team manager). Back row: Mrs. Gray, Miss G. White.



Lady Northcote who, with her son, sailed for England in the s.s. Chitral last Sunday, is seen above saying goodbye to Brigadier Thomson and Commodore E. B. C. Dicken.



Under the patronage of His Excellency, the Governor, the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Society is presenting 'London Wall' at the Lee Theatre, to benefit charity. Four members of the cast are pictured above and they are Miss Rita Col.

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Mr. V. P. Yong, who recently took part in two Chinese plays at the Lee Theatre, to benefit charity. (Bam's Studio).



Three more members of the cast of 'London Wall' are pictured above and they are Violet Trimmer, Mr. Bunny Auster.



First class passengers in the Hong Kong Yaumati Ferry will be treated to something right in the picture above, has started a refreshment service which should prove a hit. The man in the picture above, has started a refreshment service which should prove a hit. The man in the picture above, has started a refreshment service which should prove a hit. The man in the picture above, has started a refreshment service which should prove a hit.



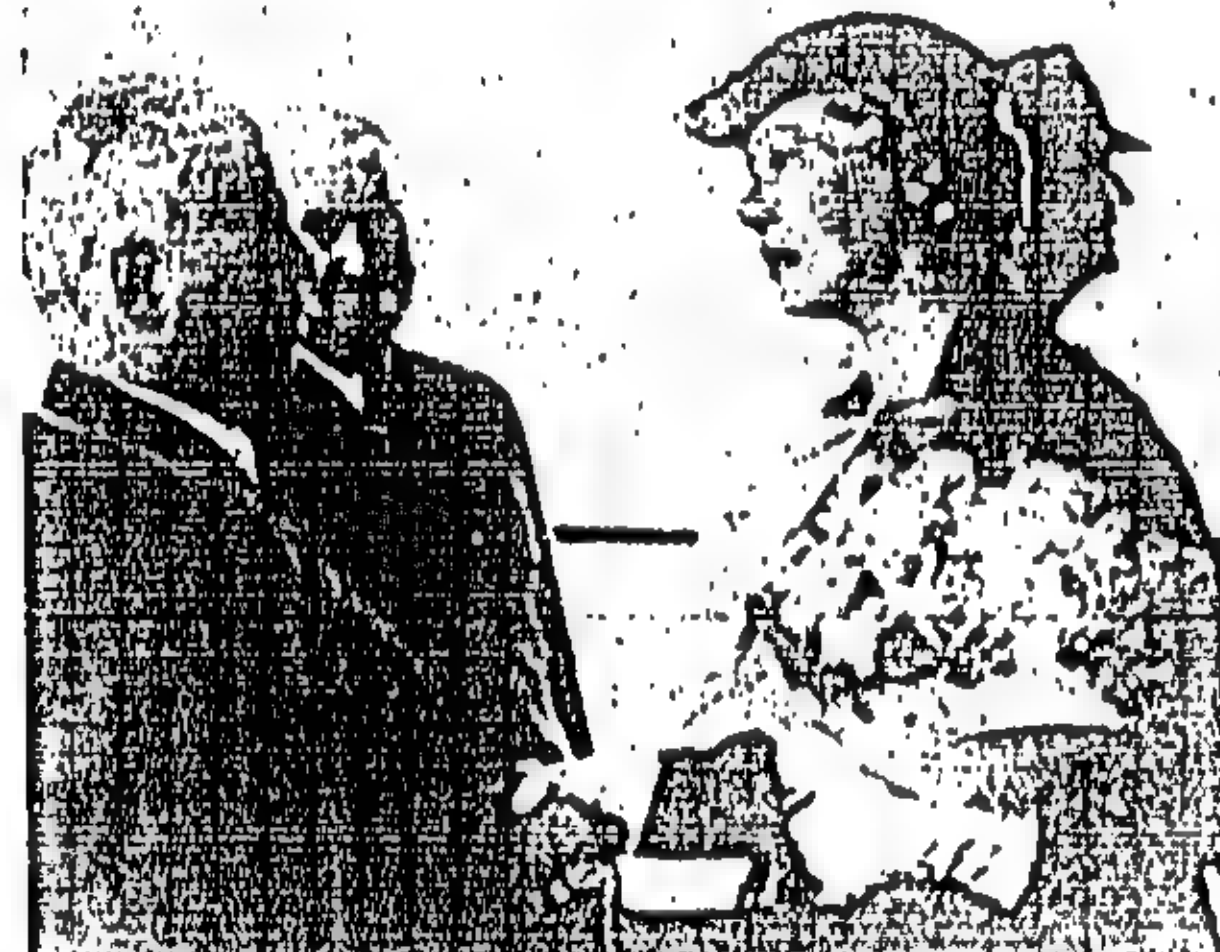
of the s.s. Yu Sang last Sunday. They are, from left to right (back row): honorary secretary, Miss V. Bradbury, Miss D. C. Moss, Mrs. F. Dalziel, Miss B. Greaves, Mrs. M. Reid, Miss Iris Woolley (captain), Miss E. M. and Miss H. Reid.



Miss E. M. Gray, veteran of four interport matches, who stepped into the breach caused by the inability of Mrs. Wilmott to make the trip to Shanghai, is seen above with a friend on the s.s. Yu Sang.



matic Club will present "London Wall" for three performances commencing April Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw, Miss Pauline Jeffreys and Mr. W. E. Kirby. (D'Asia Studio).

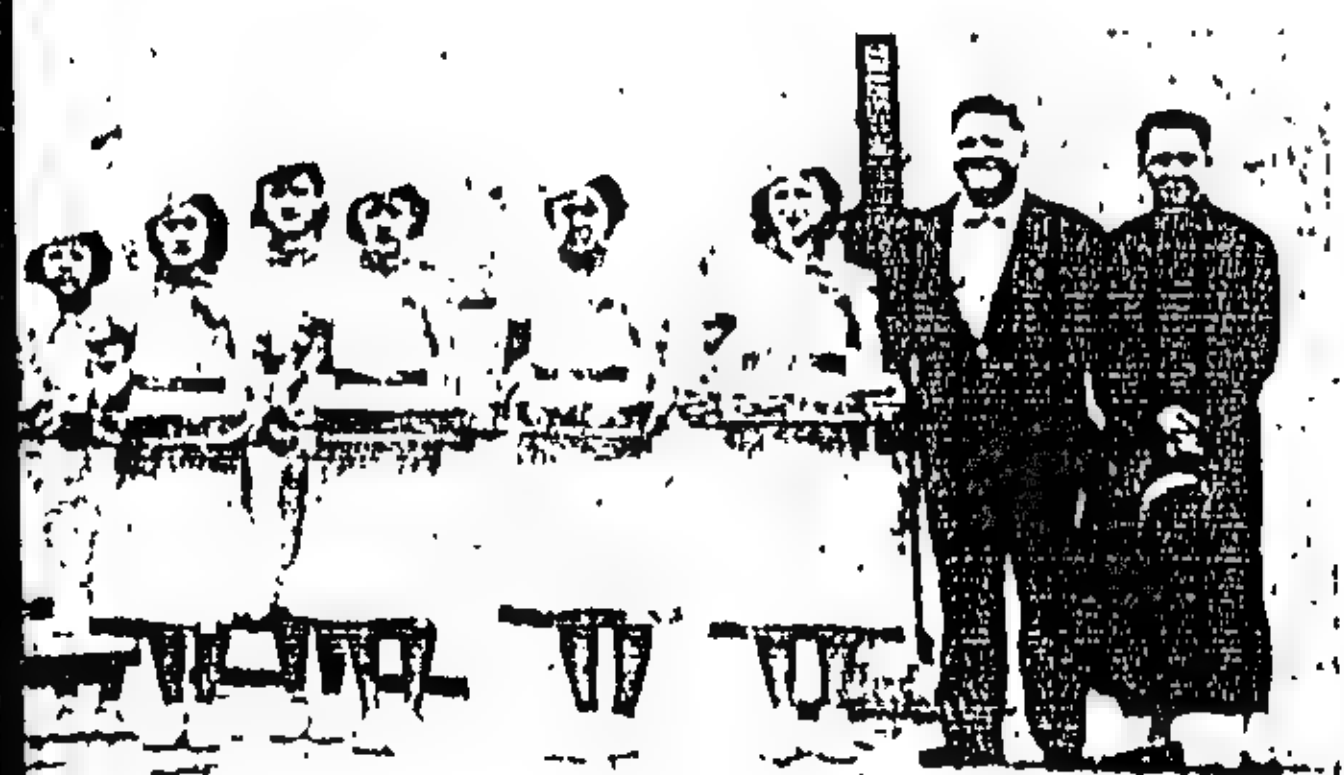


Lady Northcote, pictured on the boat deck of the s.s. Chitral, is seen shaking hands with Mr. A. E. Southard, U.S. Consul-General.



be presented by the Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. They are Mrs. Mrs. Dora Lancheater. (D'Asia Studio).

Mr. Hsu Mifoo who recently played at the Lee Theatre in a performance to benefit charity. (Bann's Studio).



from now on. Mr. A. Van Bynen, seen second from travellers on a hot day. The young ladies seen with " or Dairy Farm ice cream.



Mr. Chen Hwa, who recently took part in a charity performance at the Lee Theatre. (Bann's Studio).

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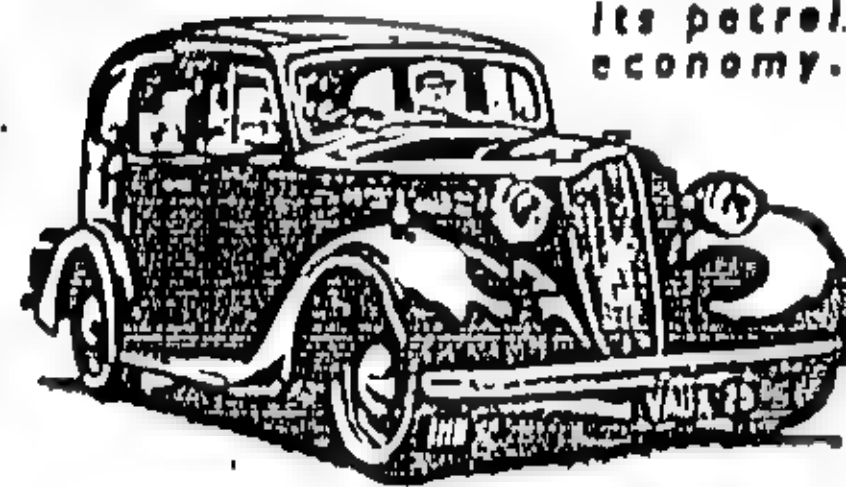
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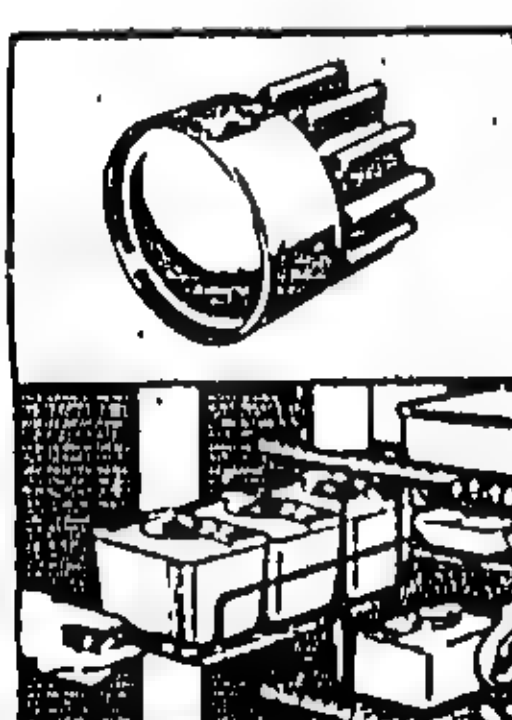
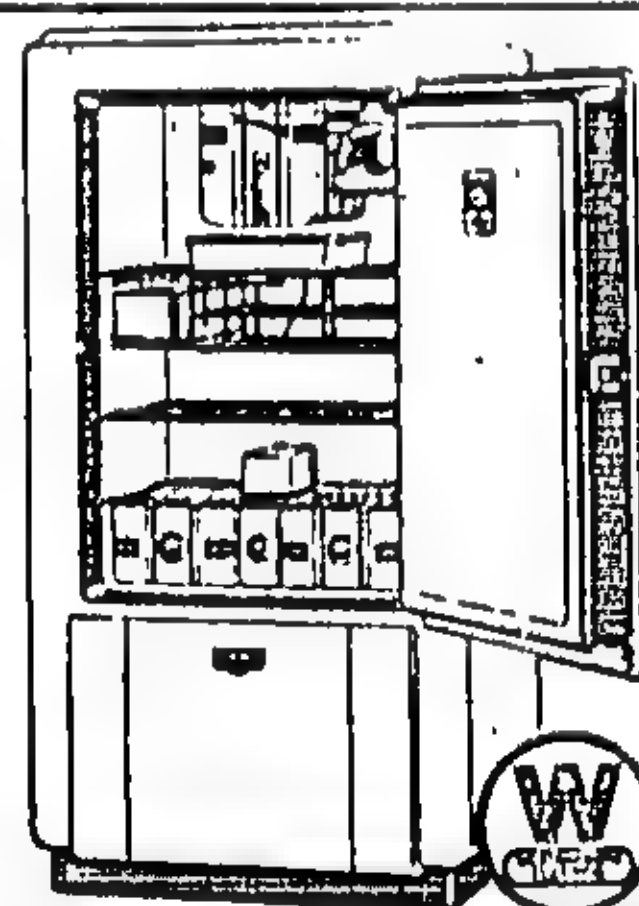
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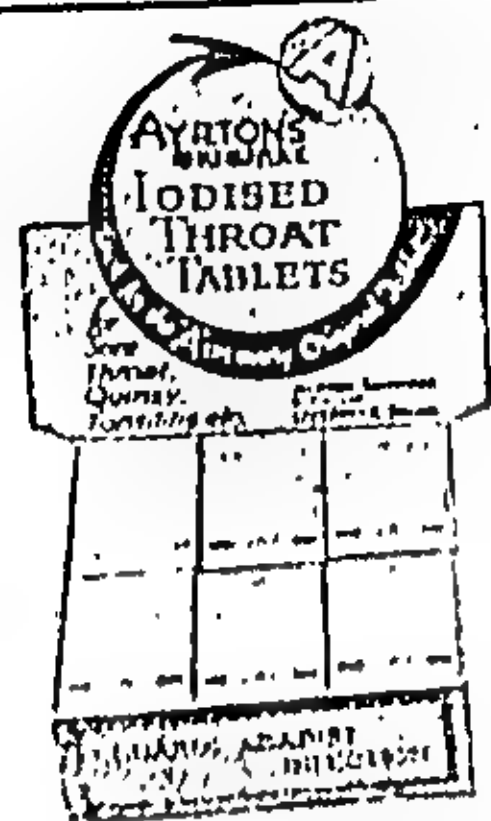
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WITH much delight I read the article in the "Sunday Herald" of April 2nd, entitled "Ten Things I Would Tell A Man—If I Dared." I will refrain from penning the obvious—"Ten Things I would Tell A Woman If I Dared," and try to comment without fear or favour on her ten items.

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1. Working on the supposition that man is entirely dependant on woman for his success or failure, and that she influences him to good or evil, as the case may be, we should at this stage retire to our beloved armchairs, and let woman get us out of the mess we are in at the present moment. After all, this state of world affairs must of necessity be of woman's making, since by her own confession she influenced us into it.

2. Again, supposing men are more susceptible to flattery than women, they would, unlike women, seek their flattery in a sphere other than marriage. Never in all my experience have I met a man who married a flatterer, yet I have known women who did just that. No, men will invariably seek that kind of pleasure, from the arms of a mistress.

3. Contrary to our charming "admirer," who thinks otherwise, we can wholeheartedly admire the pioneer spirit and the courage which many women possess. Unfortunately though, there are few women who justify the application of the title "brave and daring," for women have lacked, and will continue to lack, initiative, and can only follow where men choose to lead.

Though not denying that many men have a pig-headed pride, after all, man is but human, it is hardly reasonable to assume that he wishes to suppress the genius or progress of women. On the contrary, it is men who encourages them to take their place in the spheres of men. It would be a very easy matter for male employers to exclude women from their firms, instead of employing and encouraging them. As to man's future place, you will probably find him still reclining gracefully in the same old armchair, planning schemes for women to carry out.

4. I fear that your intelligence leaves you for awhile. I suppose I should utter some appropriate remark like "Hooy" for item 4. However, with great patience I will endeavour to correct your misguided conceptions. You refer to a lack amongst men of exploration into the make-believe, dreams, ideals, futuristic prophesy and researches into the past. Must I refer you to such men as Wells, Verne, Shakespeare, Macaulay, Newton, the Wright Brothers, Byron, Shelley, Service, Farnol, Sabatini, Phillip Gibbs and so on *ad infinitum*?

Admitting these to be outstanding men, what outstanding women can you put forward to compare with them? Not many I think—Orezy, Bowen, Buck and a few others. Most untrue of all statements is that man is more frequently the jilter. Many men have been foolish enough to marry rather than hurt the feelings of some whimpering, coy maiden. Strange, but true.

6. I seriously doubt whether you have met such a rare creature as a "sporting English gentleman," as unfortunately the breed died with the War. If you should mean the long-haired, effeminate gigolo, who crawls round women's boudoirs, we wholeheartedly agree with you, and attribute their "cattiness" to that "influence" we heard so much about in item 1.

7. To say that a man never real-

ly loves or hates is a direct contradiction of your former statement, i.e. that he always goes to extremes, consequently item 7 disposes of itself.

8. Probably man pretends fear at a minor ailment because he wishes for feminine sympathy. A sick man always likes to be made a fuss of, which after all is only human, and I venture to think that women derive as much pleasure in giving the sympathy. How many times must it be said that courage and heroism are not judged by collective action, but by the individual actions of isolated men? Cowardice in action is not a case for the firing squad, but for the psychologist. Far be from us to herald the British courage, which so far has been unquestioned and acknowledged even by our enemies. You have only to look back into the past to see such acts of heroism by British soldiers as have earned the admiration of the whole world. It is noticeable that women will

By R.A.H. Cane.

work themselves into a frenzy to steal the hat of a visiting film-star, and yet sniff with scorn at some poor inoffensive young soldier who is after all far more of a hero. Needless to say, in individual acts of bravery the men were volunteers and not propelled to their immortal actions by the point of a bayonet. If we are lacking in courage, other nations must be far more so.

9. If this scintillating wit is confined to females, I must compliment them on the unusual, remarkable, and amazing fact that women have at last found something which they can keep secret. For, if they possess this wit they certainly refrain from showing it.

10. To expect men to take "No" for an answer from a woman, is really a little too much. I have heard tell that women have shown great eagerness towards something only after constantly refusing them. It is of course a known thing among men, and even errand boys, that a woman's "No" often means a furtive "Yes." Why? Because she hasn't the courage of her own convictions and likes to make it appear that she has been enticed into a situation, rather than let anyone think that she was a partner to it. Words are after all an expression of thought, and to keep silent is often translated in critical situations as sheer callousness. It is only by words that we can express the feelings of the soul and this alone really distinguishes us from animals. Words alone cannot right a wrong, or heal a hurt, or save a situation but they can go a long way towards it.

Despite the fact that you promised to spare us from a "plum" you still continued to present us with it, though in a somewhat sticky state. You have in true feminine manner left yourself an opening through which you graciously crawl. The cap in this case does not fit. We have taken up the gauntlet out of the sheer love of a good argument. I am well aware, as is everyone else, that you no more believed what you wrote than we did.

What Happens When We Die?

YOU are probably afraid of death. You have heard so much about the "death agony," of the tortures that precede that dreaded "rattle" in the throat.

We speak of the shadow of death, because we fear it as a darkness stabbed with pain. Yet there is one thing that no one ever seems to bother to point out for our comfort—and it is this:

That all the medical evidence points to death, not as an agony, but as a painless passing from consciousness to the last equivalent of sleep.

Have you ever read Dr. Alexis Carrel's *Man the Unknown*? Dr. Carrel explains that death is not instantaneous. It consists of two stages: general death, or the death of the individual, and local death, or the death of the organs. General death takes place with the last beat of the heart. At this point, personality ceases and the man is biologically dead. But each organ dies at its own rate. The kidneys, for instance, can live on for more than an hour.

The first stage of death Dr. Carrel calls reversible, because so often, as in the case of "drowned" people, a man biologically dead can be brought back to life. But when the organs, too, are dead, death is irreversible. Life is gone for good.

In front of me lie hundreds of cuttings relating to men and women who have "died" only to be brought back to life after periods varying between five and twenty minutes.

In no single case is there any mention of pain or suffering at the actual moment of death.

Typical of them is John Puckering, of Arley, in Worcestershire, who, in January, 1935, was dead for five minutes.

"Suddenly everything cleared," he said, "and I was filled with great content. I shall never fear death again."

Grant Allen, whose heart and pulse for a long period ceased to beat altogether, has written:

"Dying is as painless as falling asleep. There was a total absence of craven shrinking."

And so with dozens of others, who have gone through the whole physical experience of drowning. There has been the agony of fear, of course, but this has always been followed by a period of peacefulness before the fade-out of consciousness. After the struggle has come a sense of exhaustion, painlessness and the quiet dimming of conscious thought as the heart has ceased its work.

Doctors have reason to believe that death is not painful. The actual process of death is not a twisting torment, but a peaceful prelude to another state.



"PASSPORTS" FOR DOGS—Not many dog owners, when their dog is lost, can describe him in detail. The National Canine Defence League, realising this, has issued a special dog identification card. This is contained in a wallet which also holds licence, pedigree and photograph. Since the first of these were issued last November, thousands have been applied for from all over the country and the wallet is to remain a permanent feature of the League's service. The above photograph shows a dog, complete with passport and baggage, ready for a journey with its owner. (Copyright, Fox).

Perhaps the testimony of patients is not enough. Sir James Goodhart, when he was a resident of Guy's Hospital, arranged to be present at the bedside of every dying man. This is the conclusion he reached:

"There is nothing terrible to the dying person in death itself. The veil between the two worlds is but a cloud, and one passes through it imperceptibly."

Cancer is generally agreed to be one of the most painful of diseases, with the pain increasing towards the end. Yet Dr. Shelton Horsley, cancer specialist, of Richmond, Virginia, has stated that "the actual process of dying is apparently not accompanied by any marked conscious discomfort."

It looks as though we should change our attitude to death, and accept it, not as a twisting torment, but a peaceful prelude to the other life.

The doctors, you notice, ex-

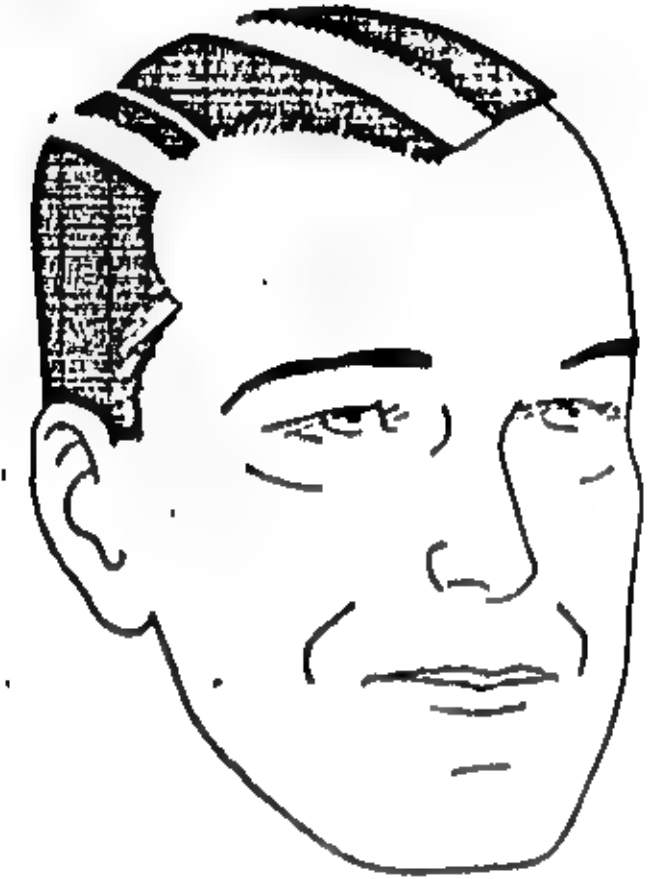
clude all question of faith: and if man has faith in that other life he has still less reason for fear. Violent death—in war, in fire, or from the searing fumes of gas—can never be easy unless it is instantaneous; but there can be little doubt that the majority of deaths in peacetime are painless and without horror.

For a saner attitude towards death, writes Lester Howard Parry, there is a sound scientific reason.

"The simple process of physiologic degeneration is responsible. Each succeeding beat of the heart pumps the blood with a little less force than the one before. As the blood pressure sinks to even lower levels, the brain is soothed by the gentle anaesthesia of receding vitality. We relax, and in our relaxation we face life's greatest adventure with serenity."

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He was immediately taken up by the senior major, who told him not to talk nonsense because everyone knew that nothing alive could smell worse than an old billy goat.

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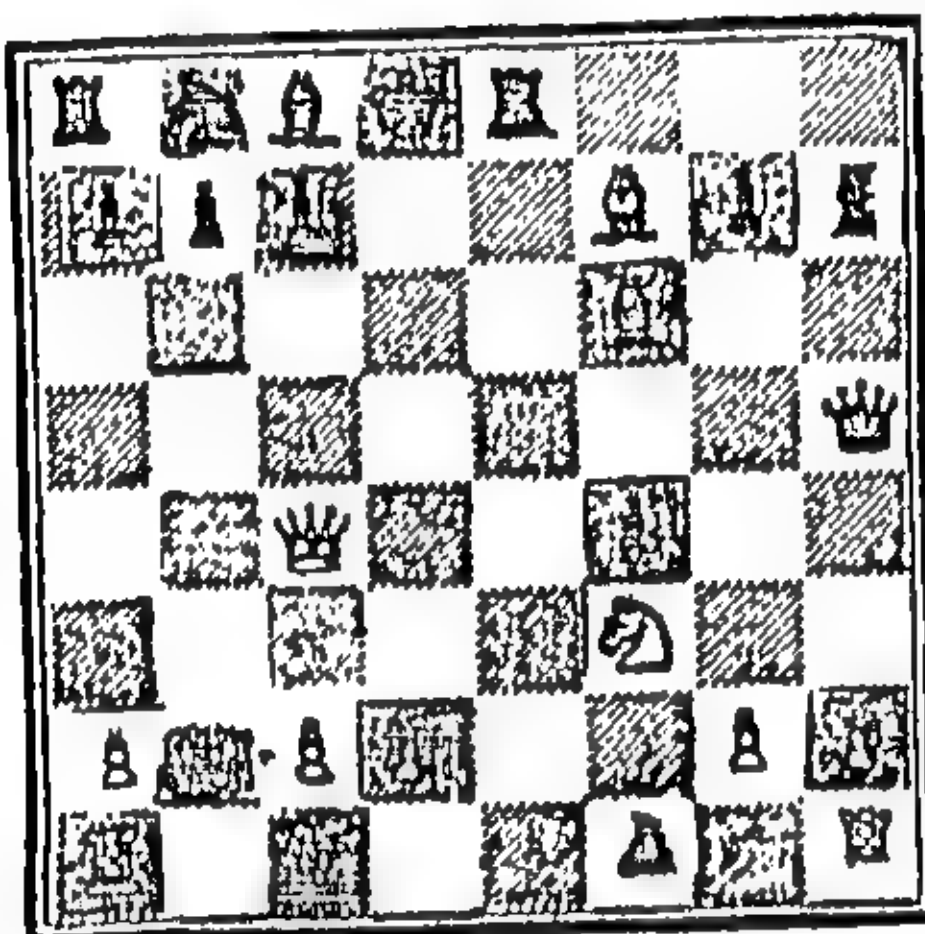
By B. S. Litvin

COMBINATION IN CHESS

COMBINATION in chess is the real feature that makes the game so highly fascinating and popular. Yet one must clearly realise that the 40 moves that constitute an average game represent only a minute fraction of the stupendous imaginative work performed in the course of play. And only very seldom a great master succeeds in forcing a position which enables him to fully display his imaginative genius actually on the board. Brilliant play is well represented in the following examples.

GAME NO. 11

Black: Anderssen (13)

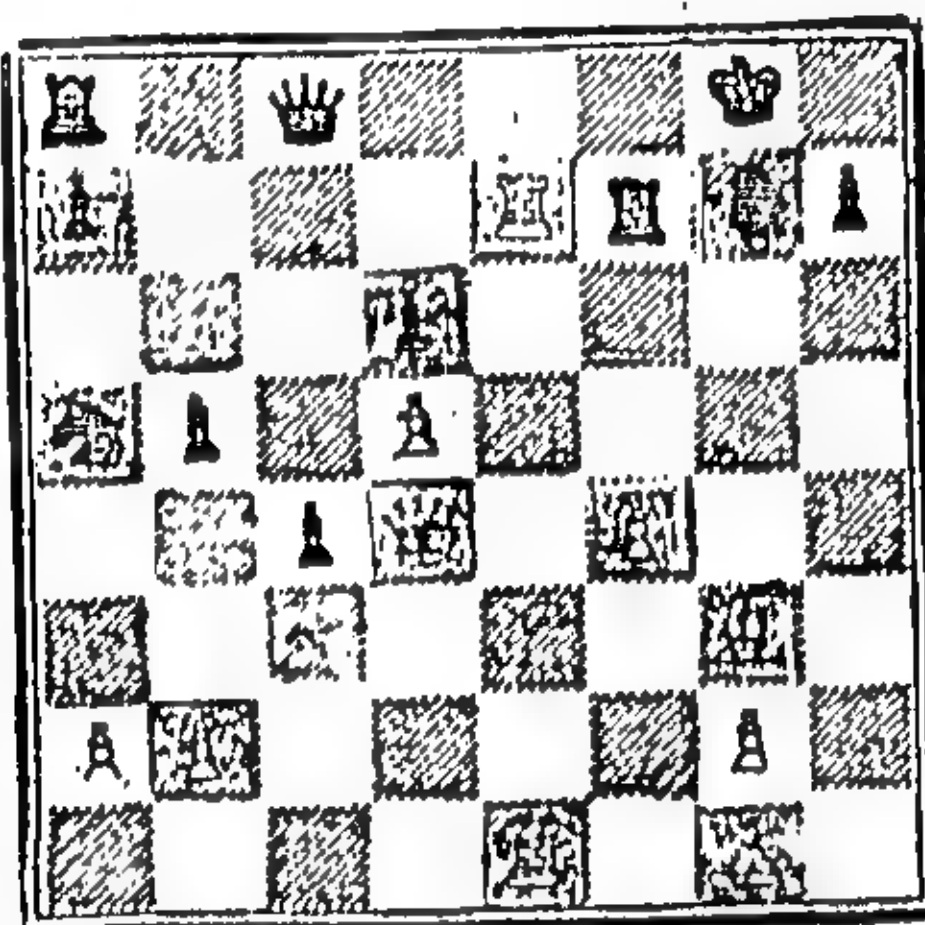


White: Riemann (13)

1. QxKt ch
2. PxQ B—R6 ch
3. K—Kt1 R—K8 ch
4. K—B2 B—R5 mate

GAME NO. 15

Black: G.D.



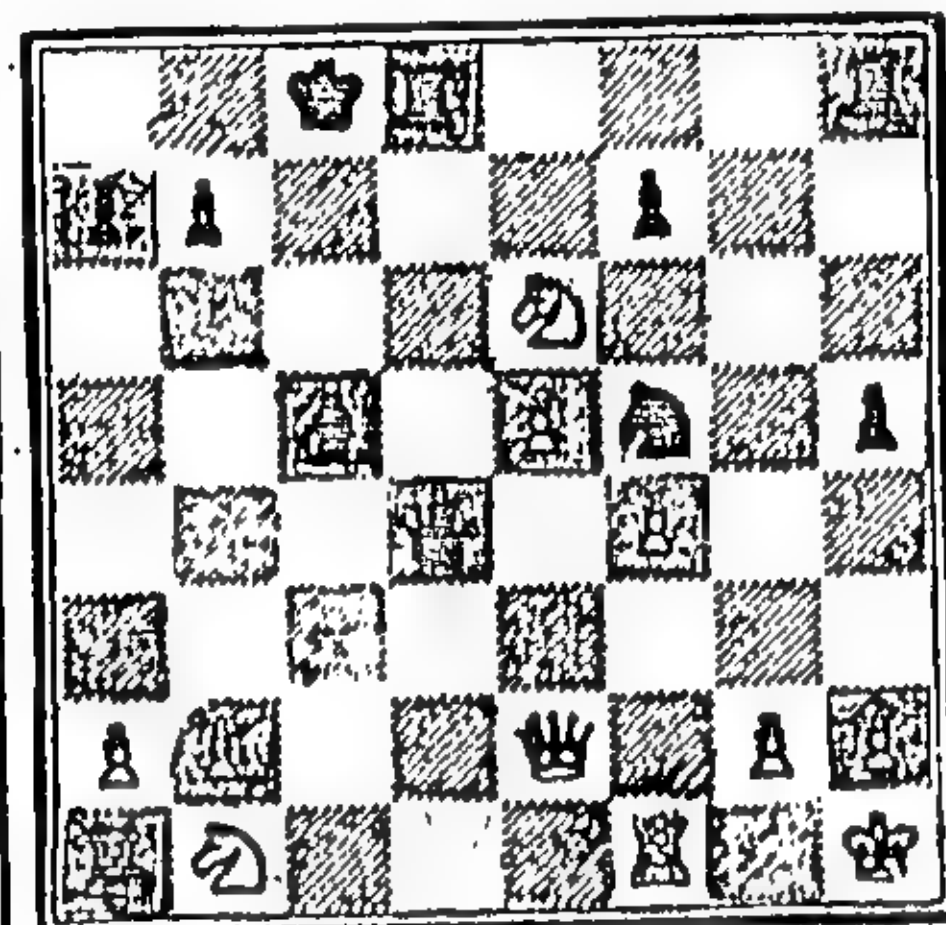
White: Morphy (10)

1. RxR KxR
2. R—R7 ch KxR
3. QxKtP ch KxKt
4. Q—Kt8 ch KxK2

5. B—R4 ch K—Q2
6. Q—B7 mate

GAME NO. 16

Black: Jamousky (10)



White: Friedman (12)

1. P—R5
2. KtxQ Kt—Kt6 ch
3. PxKt PxP dis. ch
4. K—Kt1 BxKt ch
5. R—B2 BxR ch
6. QxB R—Q8 ch
7. Q—B1 R—R8 ch
8. KxR RxQ mate

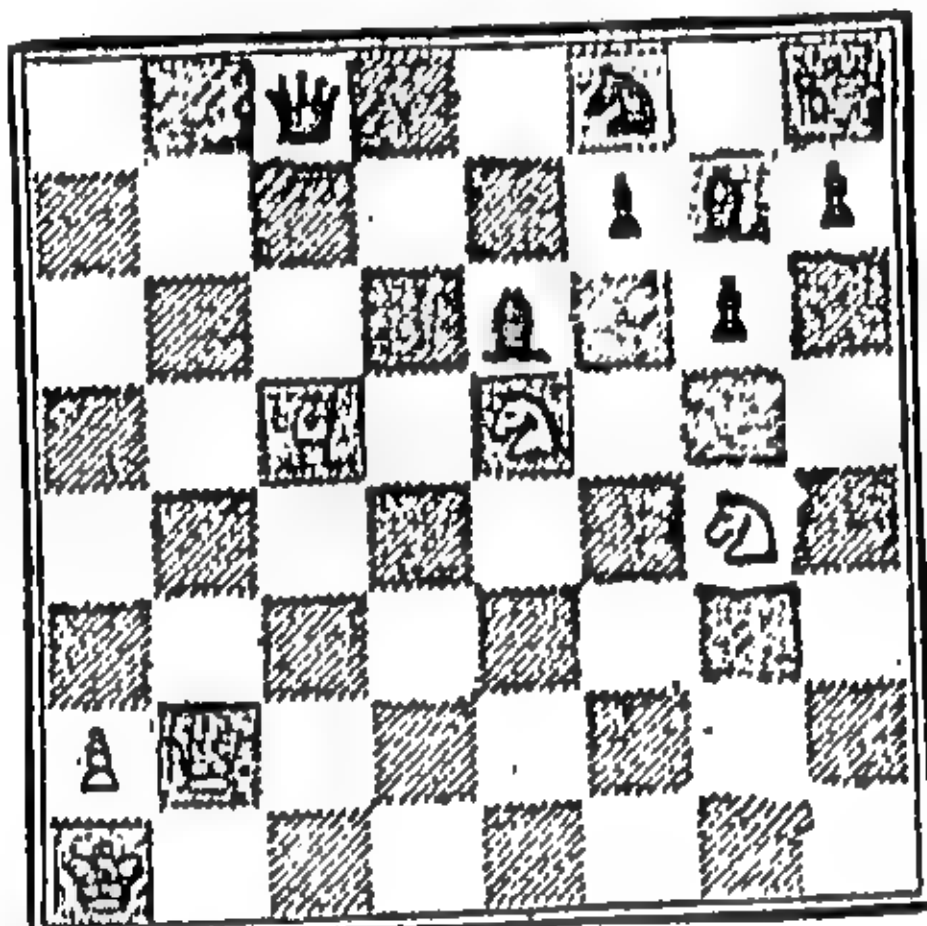
Solution of Problem No. 8

In this example the Opposition is gained by "losing a move" as follows:

1. K—B4 K—Kt1
2. K—K4 K—B1
3. K—K5 K—B2
4. K—B5 K—B1
5. K—Kt6 K—Kt1
6. KxP (R6) K—B2
7. K—Kt5 K—B1
8. KxP winning.

PROBLEM NO. 9

Black: (8)



White: (6)

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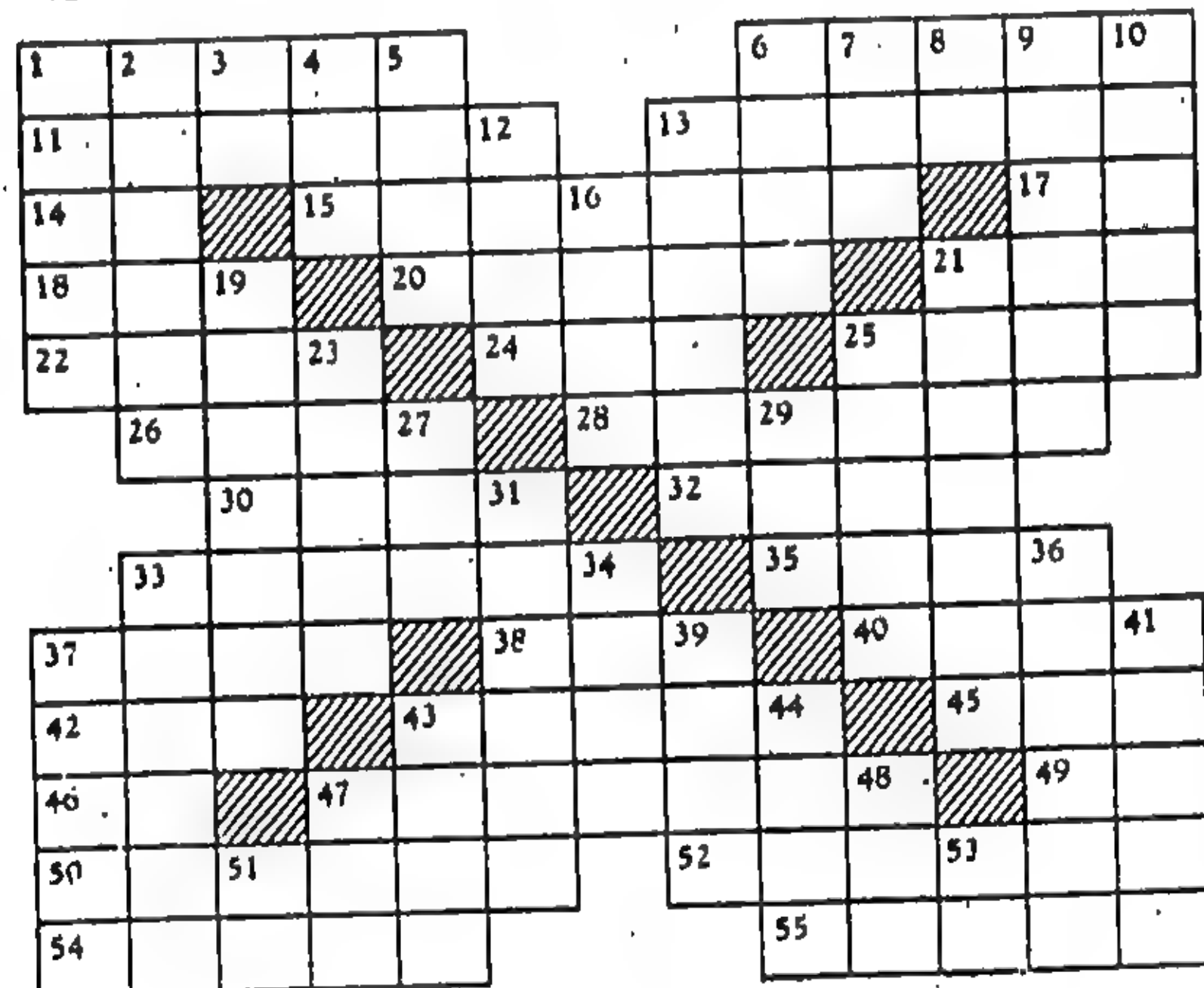
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Waited expectantly
- 6 To strike out
- 11 Worships
- 13 Eat away
- 14 Chinese measure
- 15 Origination
- 17 Note of scale
- 18 Good (Fr.)
- 20 Portions
- 21 Dry
- 22 Augur
- 24 Jay bird (Scot.)
- 25 Jargon
- 26 Agitate
- 28 The Orient
- 30 Epithet: pig (hind.)
- 32 To obey
- 33 A lout
- 35 Erect
- 37 Japanese drink
- 38 Gun (sl.)
- 40 Winter vehicle
- 42 Goddess of infatuation
- 43 Spanish court yard
- 45 Observe

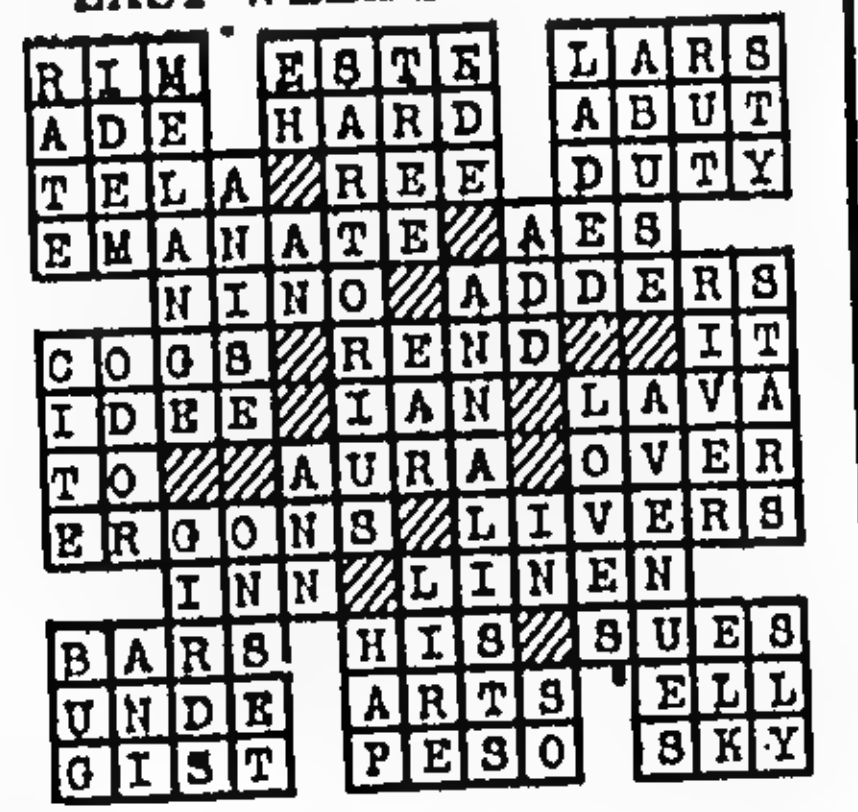
VERTICAL

- 1 Italian statesman
- 2 Dialect
- 3 To perform
- 4 Unit of energy
- 5 Profound
- 6 Goddess of discord

7 Spanish plural

- 8 article
- 9 Pawl
- 10 Decree
- 12 Obstacle
- 13 Appreciate
- 16 Pertaining to a period of time
- 19 Small carved object (Jap.)
- 21 Footgear (pl.)
- 23 Greek goddess
- 25 Walking sticks
- 27 To plunder
- 29 Activity (Scot.)
- 31 Entertain
- 33 Dormant
- 34 Judge
- 36 Wound up on spoon
- 37 Surfeit
- 39 Cause to revolve (Scot.)
- 41 Precious ones
- 43 Chums
- 44 Unit (ph.)
- 47 To taste
- 48 Grain
- 51 Therefore
- 53 Greek letter

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



How To Take A Bath And Live

LAST year 100,000 Americans were killed or injured in the bathroom. This represents an economic waste of many millions of dollars annually. And it drives home the point that the bathroom is an excellent place to be careful, for few of these accidents need have happened.

How do they occur? Let's glance at the records.

New York: A 67-year-old banker stepped under the shower and reached for the cold water faucet. By mistake, he turned on the hot, and the shock of the scalding spray knocked him over. He died from his injuries.

Chattanooga: The wife of a college president, feeling a cold coming on, decided to take a hot bath before retiring. It being a raw fall day, she placed an electric heater on a nearby clothes hamper. When the heat became too intense, she reached out to turn it around. The maid found her electrocuted in the tub, with the heater, which had fallen against her, still going.

Albany: Just after midnight a judge prepared for a bath. Some hours later his wife found his lifeless body in the tub, his head under water. He had been subject to dizzy spells.

Philadelphia: A broker with a "kink" in his shoulder got into a hot bath and applied an electric vibrator to the sore spot. He was killed instantly.

Chicago: A mother was bathing her infant when the telephone rang. A five-year-old daughter, left to watch the baby, turned on the water and the infant was drowned.

Just a smattering of bathroom mishaps—but probably enough to emphasize the truth that Carefulness ought to rank just as close to Godliness as Cleanliness.

The home is one of the most dangerous places on earth — and the bathroom contributes greatly to these risks. Traffic deaths are recognized as a serious problem—but did you know that last year in both the State of Iowa and the City of New York more people were killed in home accidents than in automobile accidents?

Slips and falls are the commonest type of bathroom accident. The slippery floor, the glossy tub, wet hands and feet, the soap sliding along the bottom of the tub, all contribute to make a fall easy—and too often fatal. Even when they don't prove fatal, slips and falls are prolific trouble breeders. Burns and scalds rank next to falls as a bathroom hazard. It is difficult to understand why people can't try the water before getting under the shower or into the tub. But many don't—to their sorrow.

Many others become involved with heat in the bathroom in other foolish ways. One man, for example, stepped out of the tub backwards, putting his foot flush on a sizzling oil heater. Another backed into a hot steam pipe, jumping so violently that he plunged through the bathroom window. And a policeman, soothing a sore thigh with an alcohol rub after a hot bath, was frightfully burned when the vapour was exploded by the portable heater in the room.

Heat causes trouble in the bathroom in another fashion. People who are elderly or unwell may be overcome by the stuffy humidity of such a confined area and

Many of us take a bath in order to "live right." But it's ironic how 100,000 men, women and children died or were injured in the process last year.



Obviously, children should not be left alone in the bath . . . (Photo: Copyright, Fox).

sip under the water. And drowning in the tub is not a remote possibility. The Chief Medical Examiner of New York City reported ten deaths from submersion in bathtubs in a single year.

Obviously, children should not be left alone in the bath. And adults suffering from heart disease or subject to fainting spells or the possibility of stroke require strict supervision at bathing time.

Another important hazard in the bathroom is electrocution. Every one should know that the ordinary house current is capable of causing death, and have a wholesome respect for it. And if you bear in mind the fact that moisture renders any current highly dangerous, it becomes clear that electricity in the bathroom calls for every precaution.

The basic law is, Electricity and Water Do Not Mix. A shock which might be only unpleasant to a thoroughly dry skin may prove instantly fatal when the hands or feet are wet. Electric heaters, hair driers and therapy machines have all taken their toll in the bathroom. But a common source of trouble is the foolhardy business of attempting to handle a light chain or switch while part of the body is in water or some part of it is wet. You are flirting with suicide when you stand in a tub of water and pull the unforgivable brass chain on a lamp!

In the final analysis bathroom safety is just plain horse sense which can be summed up in a few simple, easily applied rules:

Safeguard your tub or shower-stall with a vacuum grip rubber mat to prevent falls.

Have a substantial hand-hold on the wall beside the tub or inside the shower.

Use porcelain rather than met-

al electric light fixtures to reduce the shock hazard.

If you can't do away with the brass chains on bathroom lights, insert an insulator in each one. Or tie a pull string at the end.

See that no electric switch comes within arm's length of the bathtub.

Use only the finest grade extension cord in the bathroom — excessive humidity can convert an inferior cord into a "live wire." Best of all, keep wet hands away from electrical apparatus.

Use a fairly rigid soap container—and never get in the tub while a cake of soap is loose on the bottom.

Keep hot water faucets in good repair and avoid the risk of a dangerous scalding.

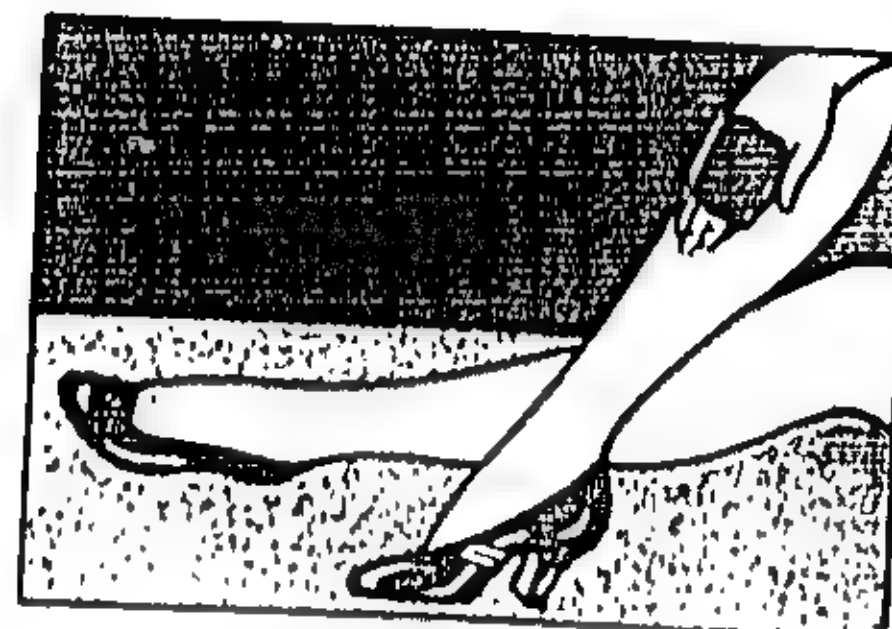
Never leave a small child in the tub—or even in the bathroom—by himself.

And, last but not least, find out how hot the water is before you get in, not after.

Simple precautions, surely. But with them you can at least take a bath without taking your life in your soapy hands!

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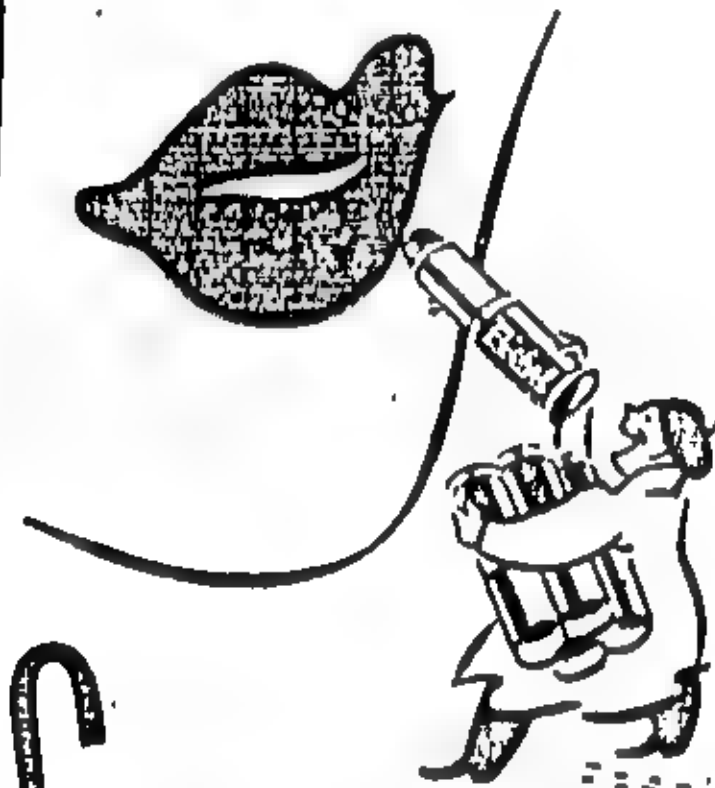
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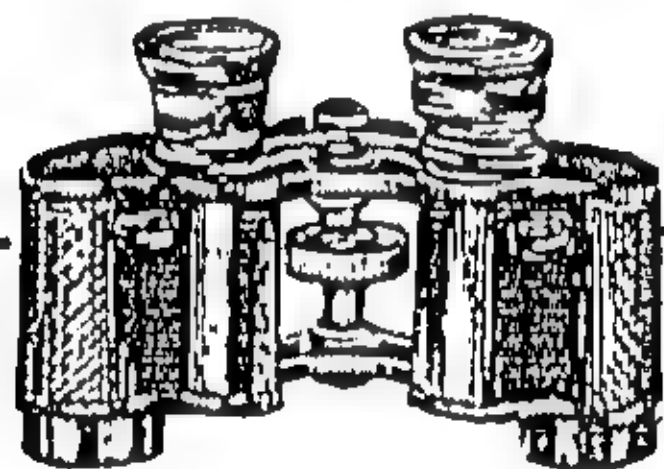


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to his coloured servant,
"you are an hour late this morn-
ing."

"Yes, sah, I know it, sah. I
was kicked by a mule on my way,
sah," replied Sambo.

"Well, that ought not to have
detracted you as much as an hour,
you know."

"Well, you see, boss, it wouldn't
have, but he kicked me de other
way."—*Montreal Gazette.*

ACID TEST

"Are you an expert accountant?"
asked the prospective employer.

"Yes, sir," responded the ap-
plicant.

"Your written references seem
to be all right, but tell me more
about yourself."

"Well, my wife kept a household
account for thirty days. One night
after dinner I sat down and in
less than an hour found out how
much we owed our grocer."

"Hang up your hat and coat,"
directed the employer with a glad
smile. "The job is yours."—*Christian Science Monitor.*

A BEST SELLER

"So Turner is making a for-
tune?"

"Yes. Invented a chocolate
bonbon with a lettuce centre for
women on a diet."—*Australian
Women's Weekly.*

A GOOD LEARNER

Young Clerk: "Could you learn
to love me, do you think, Josep-
hine?"

Gay Young Stenographer:
"Well, Napoleon, you never can
tell. I learned shorthand in six
weeks."—*Prince Rupert News.*

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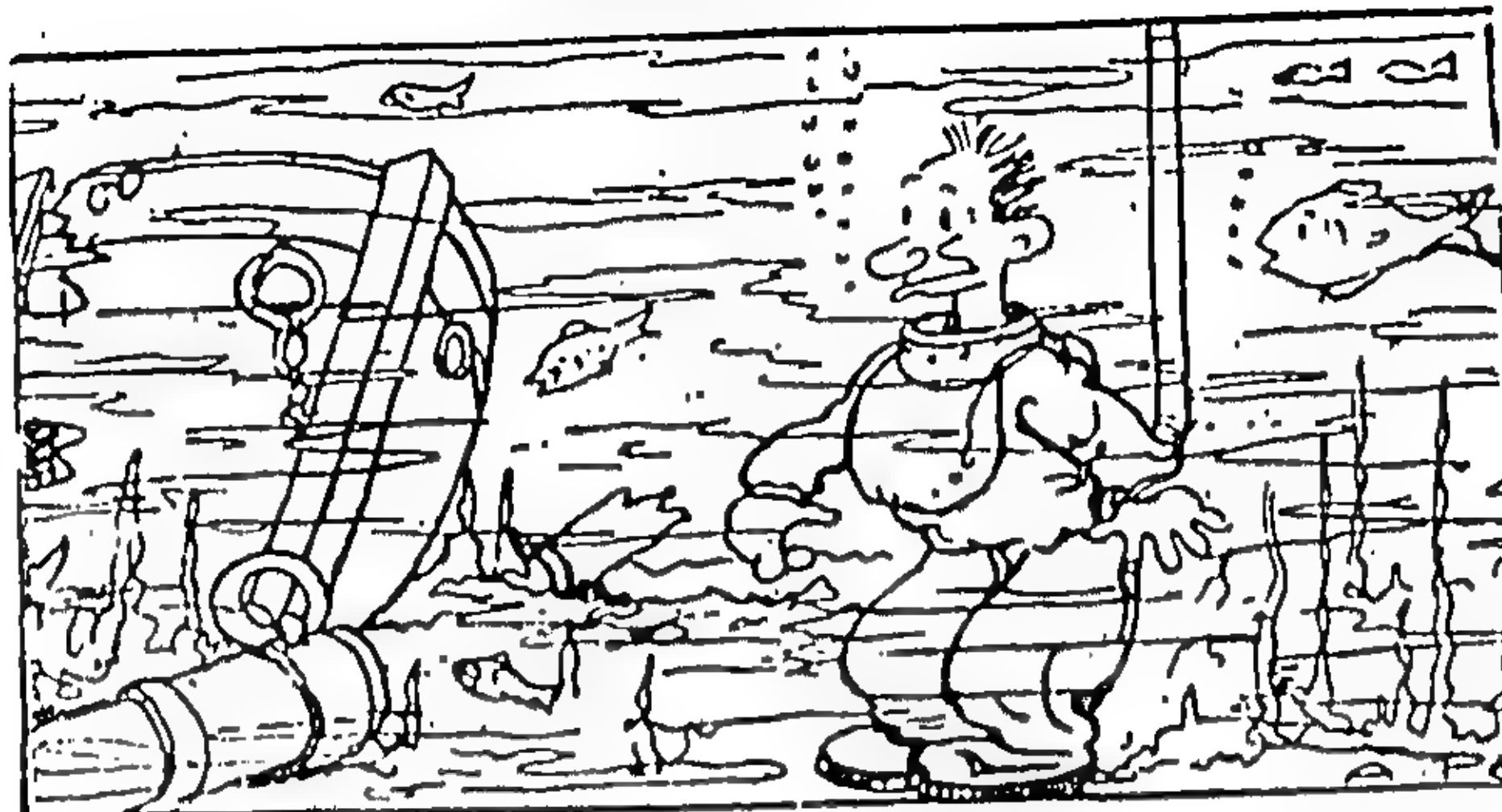
Mrs. Swanke: "My new man
comes from a very good family."

Mrs. Sharpe: "Oh—er—yes. I
suppose she wanted a change?"
—*Die Welt am Sonntag.*

NOT SO BAD

Customer: "Disgraceful! I
put my umbrella down for just
one minute and it has gone."

Manager: "Well, you are lucky,
sir—it has just stopped raining."
—*Variety.*



Diver: "Funny, I have a feeling that I have forgotten something."
—*Epitaphia, Greece.*

STREET CORNER ECONOMICS

"How many cigars do you smoke
a day?"

"About ten."

"What do they cost you?"

"Twenty cents apiece."

"My, that's two dollars a day."

How long have you been smok-
ing?"

"Thirty years."

"Two dollars a day for thirty
years is a lot of money. Do you see
that office building on the corner?"

If you had never smoked in your
life you might own that fine build-
ing."

"Do you smoke?"

"No, never did."

"Do you own that building?"

"No."

"Well, I do." — *Edmonton Bul-
letin.*

ALL ALIKE

"Glorious, these waves," ob-
served the enthusiastic yachtsman.

"Yes," said his guest, feeling the
effects. "How about going back
now that we've seen them all?"
—*Vancouver Sun.*

TOO SOON

Sitter: "How much will half
a dozen photographs cost? And a
dozen?"

Photographer: "We will dis-
cuss that afterwards—just now I
want you to look pleasant."
—*Wolfe Zarty.*

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How to Lose A Man

Being a Few More
Don'ts for Dizzy
Damsels.

YOU are tied up in knots on the edge of your chair, smoking chain cigarettes and wishing your mother had taught you the gentle art of knitting along with the story of the Birds and the Bees. It is Saturday night and the time is eight-thirty.

And Richard has not telephoned.

You are taking an inventory of your virtues versus faults and wondering if there is anything to this book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," or whether he phoned during that two minutes you were out posting a letter. That would be just your luck. You have not, of course, gone out for dinner, because you would not want to miss his call, and an empty stomach is not bolstering your morale any. You can feel your throat contracting painfully and you know that in another two minutes you are going to have a good cry.

The tears are just commencing to trickle down your nose when the phone jangles.

Elevators go out of control in your stomach and you fight for calm. Your fingers twitch, but you make yourself dawdle to the telephone. About the time you pick up the receiver with tensed fingers and toss what you think to be a bored "hello" into the mouth-piece, you are on your high horse. So he thinks you spend your Saturday evenings waiting for him to call, does he? Well, you'll show him.

"Yes, Tom," you say brightly. "I'll be right down," knowing full well that you are talking to Richard. And if you had any sense, you'd know that he knows it.

"This," he will say after the tolerant fashion of males, "is Dick. I'm sorry. I'll call you next week. Don't let me keep you—"

You can see the receiver near the hook. You think fast.

"Oh, but Dick," you stutter. "Well, you see, I saw Tom last night, and he said he was coming over to-night, if he got back from wherever-it-is on time, but it's after eight now, and he said not to wait after eight, so I guess he didn't get back, but that's who I thought it was."

Dick will say, "Well, perhaps he'll call later. After all, he'll expect—"

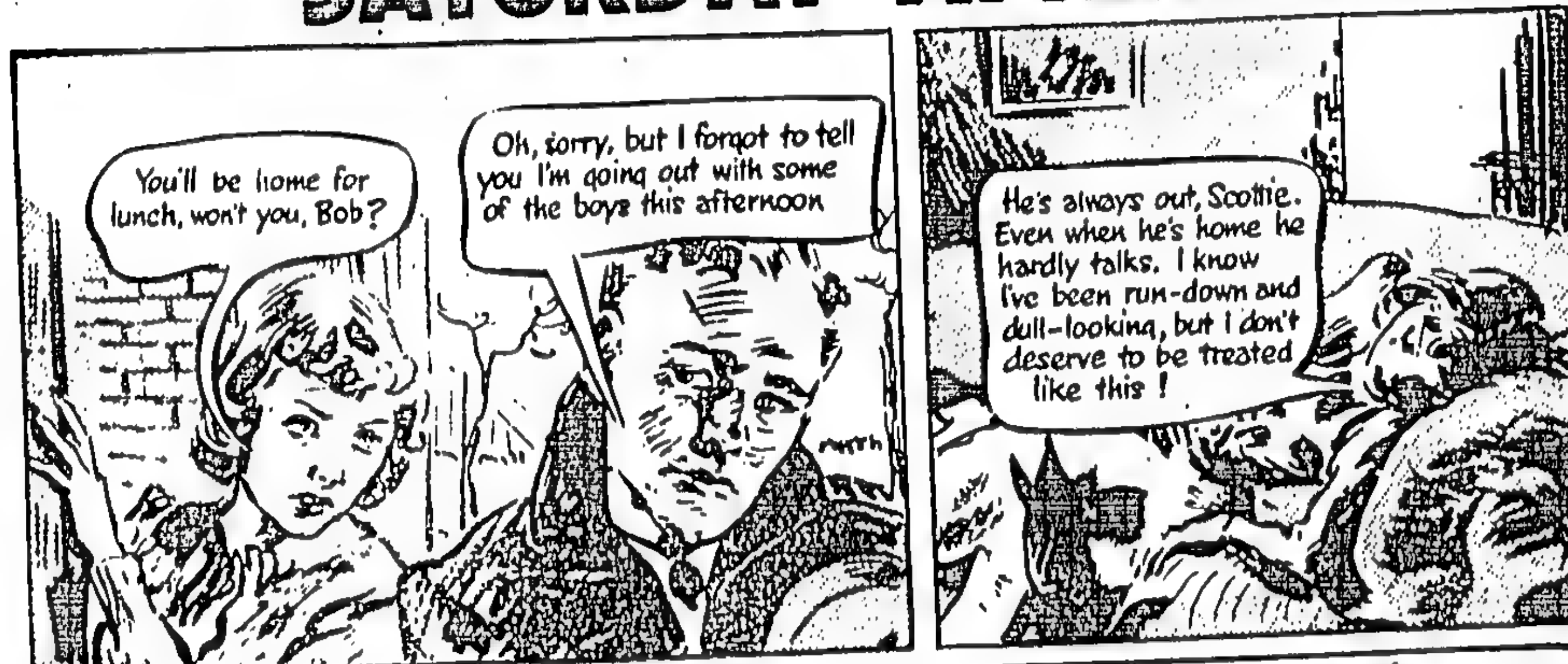
You nip that in the bud. "Oh, no! I'm sure he won't call now." You can see that receiver converging on its hook again and you are sorry indeed you ever got started on this "Tom" business. "Why," you carol hopefully, "did you have something in mind?"

Well, you go to a movie, a stroll in the park, a ride up the avenue, or whatever it is Dick likes to do. But first you are careful to leave word with your Mother, your landlady, or the Hotel Desk that in case Tom calls, you'll call him back.

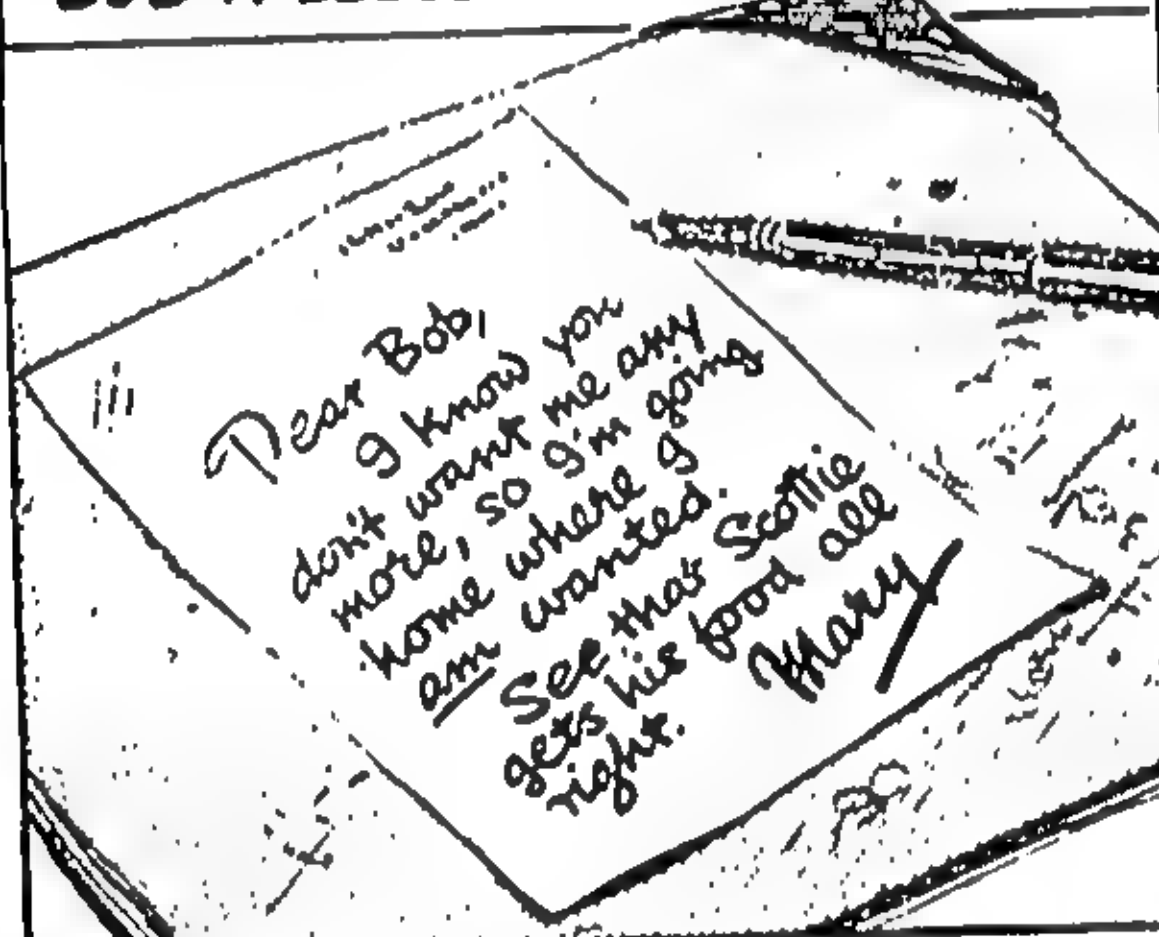
If any one of these aforementioned parties assumes a general air of blankness and does not arise to the occasion, you will hope that Dick is unaware of same.

As a matter of fact, it wouldn't matter a tinker's solder one way or another. Dick has your number, and we'll lay a small wager he will not be calling it again, either.

LONELY WIFE—even on SATURDAY AFTERNOONS



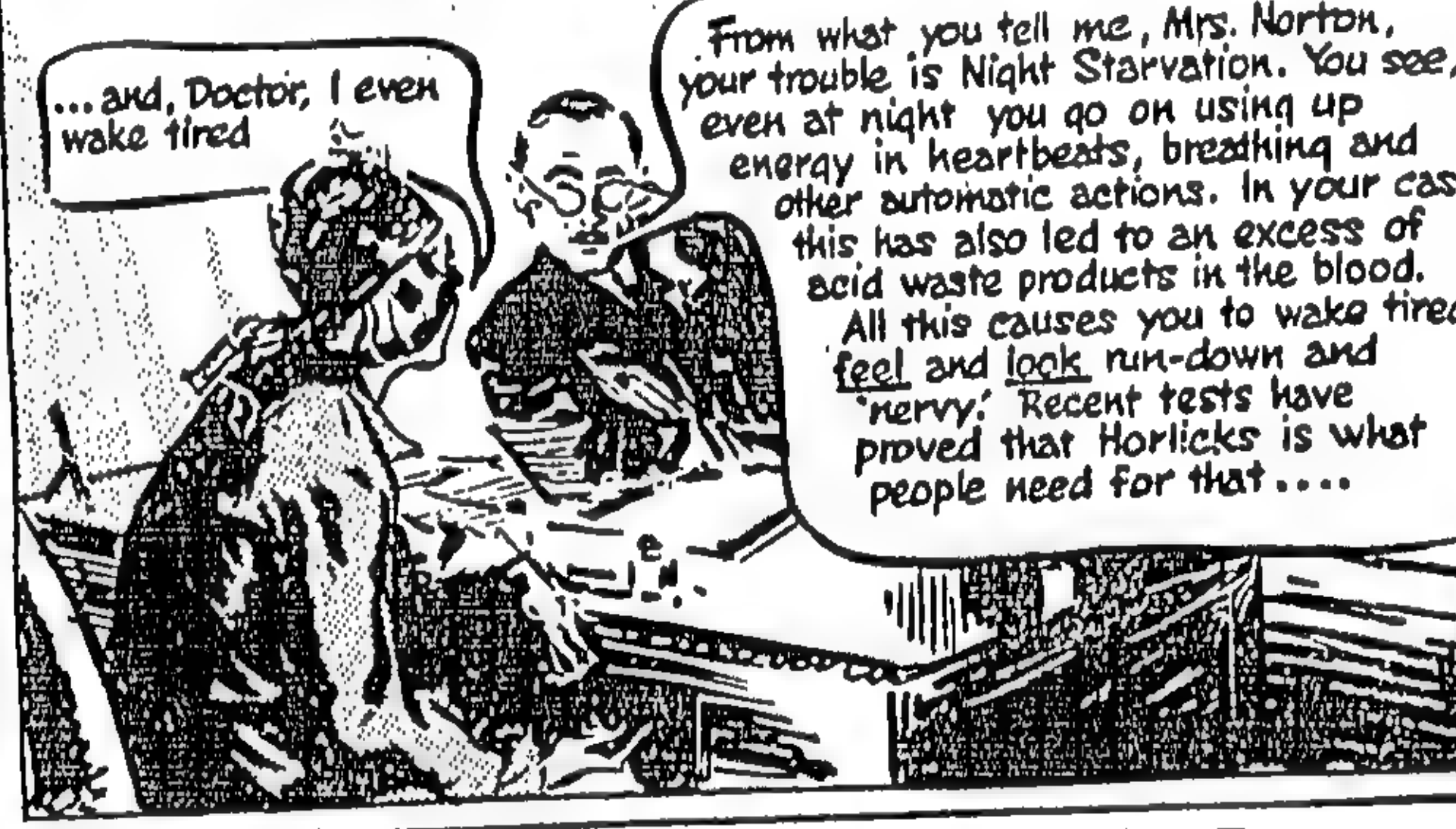
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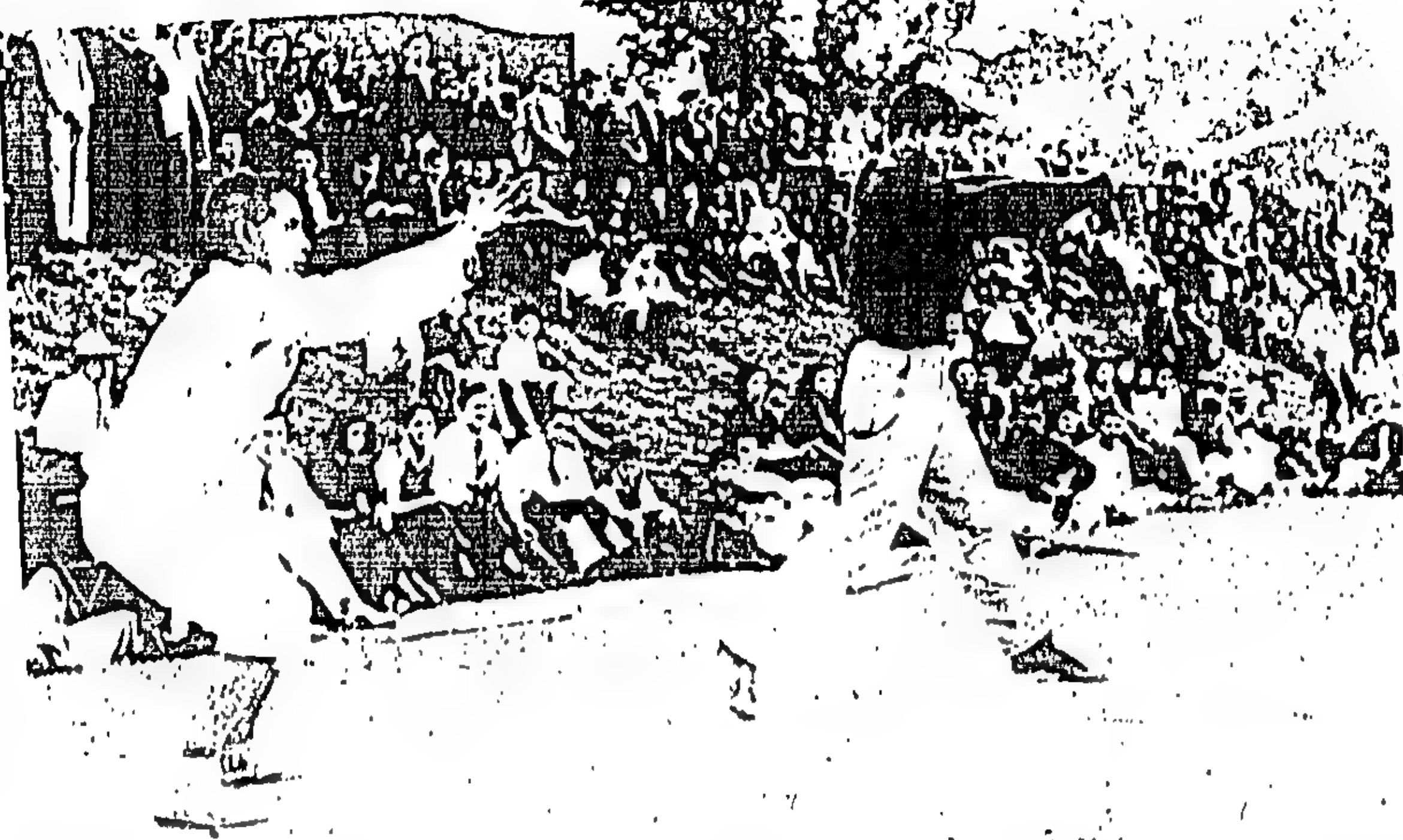
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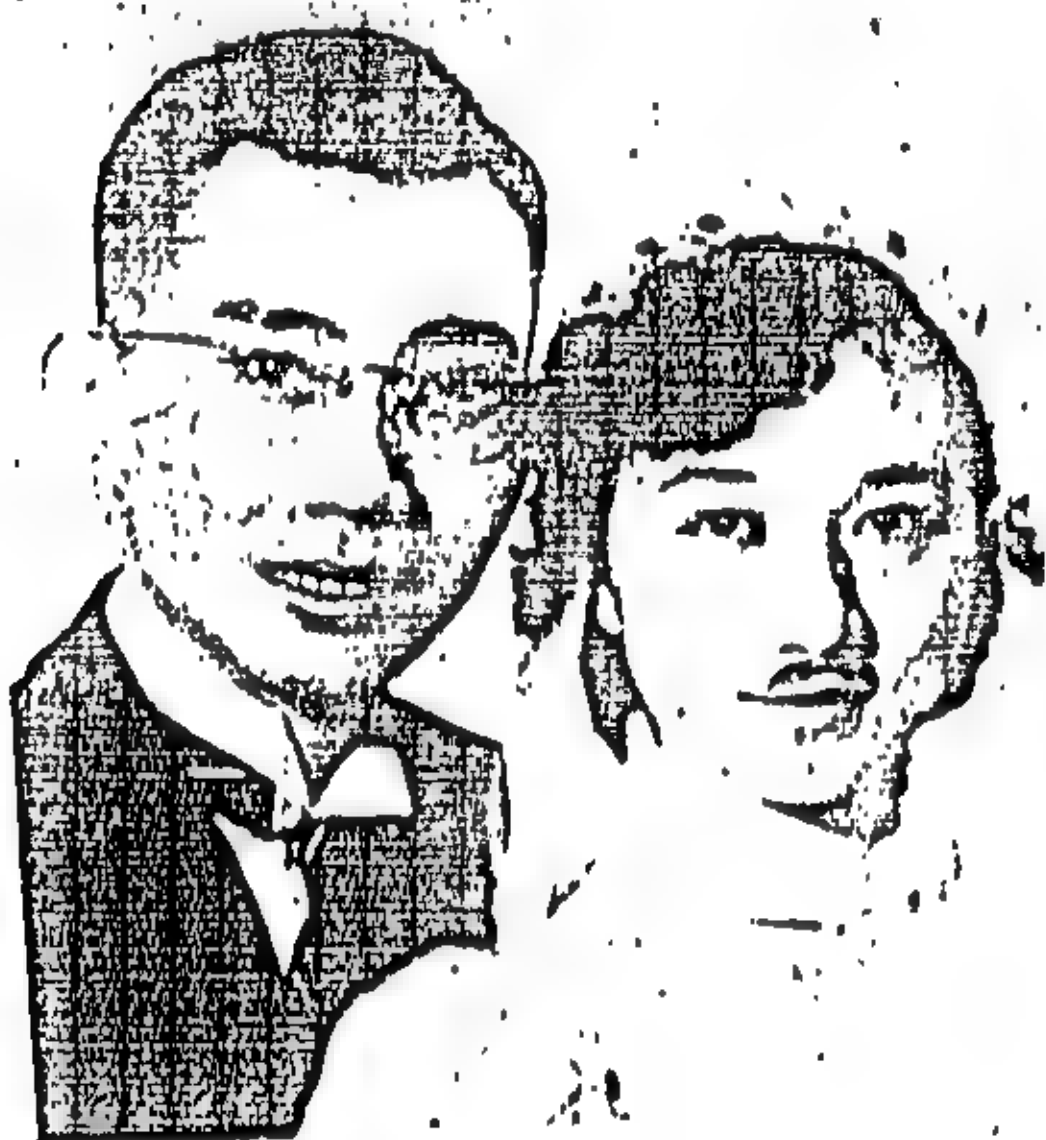
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An action shot during last Sunday's Interport Softball Series when Portugal played India and won by 9-5. With this win, Portugal is slated to meet in the final next Sunday.



Mr. C. S. Rossetti, manager of Messrs. General Amusements Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong. (Bann's Studio).



Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Chiyuan Sze, who were married at the Hong Kong Hotel on March 31st. The bridegroom is the nephew of Dr. Alfred Sze, and the bride is the former Miss Edith Chiu-nien Bien, daughter of Mr. Z. S. Bien. (Bann's Studio).



Mr. W. H. G. Hirst and his bride, the former Miss Ethel Florence Mudd, leaving St. Andrew's Church following their marriage on April 1st. The bride, who is a Queen's Army Schoolmistress, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mudd, of Belfast, Ireland, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hirst of Kowloon. (Bann's Studio).



Among recent newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Wong, whose marriage took place in Hong Kong on March 23rd. Mr. Wong is manager of the Leuchow office of the China Vegetable Oil Corp., and Mrs. Wong is the former Miss Meng Hsin, of Shanghai. (Bann's Studio).

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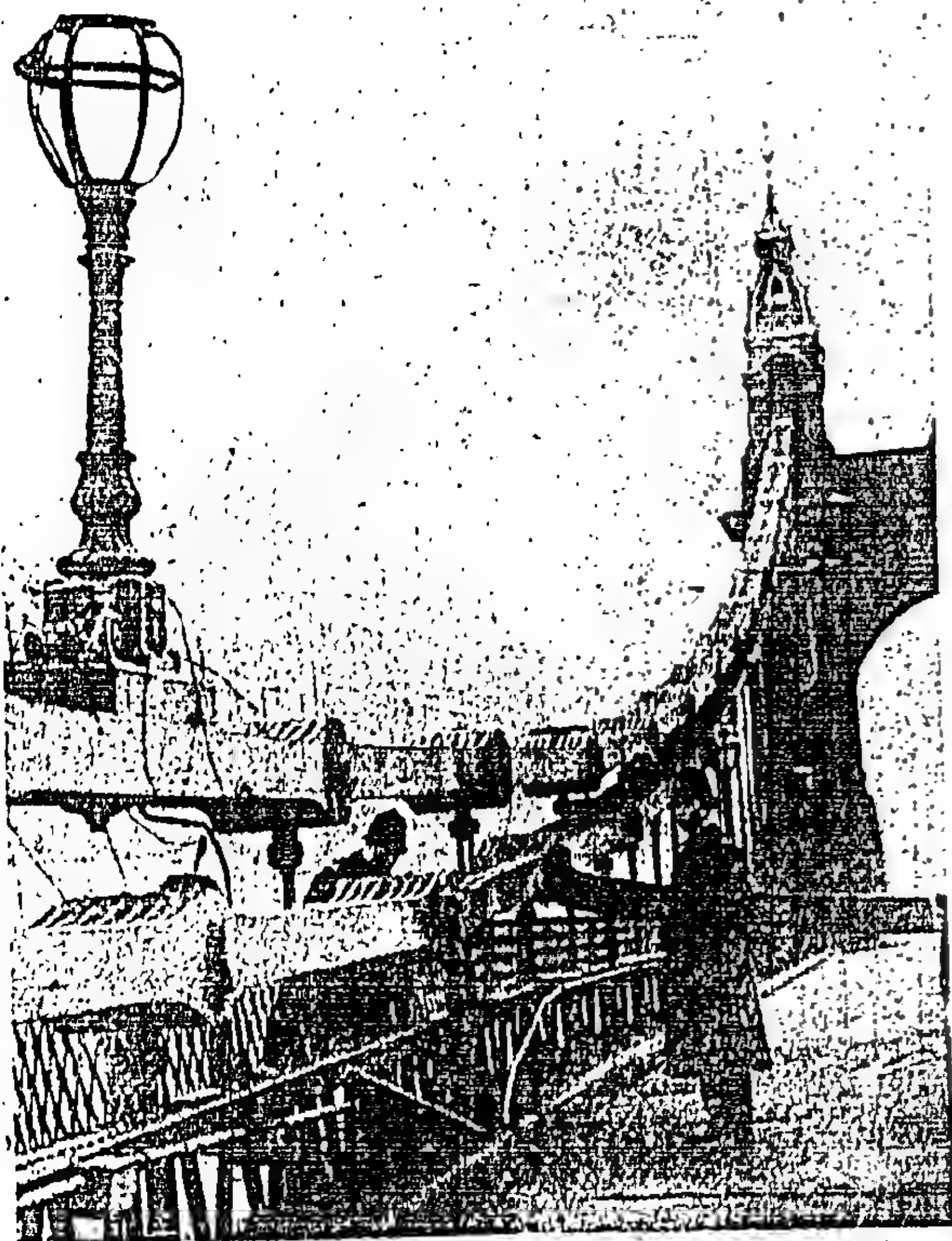
The former Miss Doris May Hunt, one time Colony swimming champion, and daughter of Inspector R. T. Hunt, was married to Mr. Peter Nicolas Barten at the Registry, on March 29th. The couple are seen leaving the Supreme Court Building after the ceremony. (Bann's Studio).



Newcomer to Hong Kong is Mr. H. M. Ruecker shown above. Mr. Ruecker is associated with Messrs. Carl Schleper & Co., Ltd. (Bann's Studio).

VITAL INTERESTS OF ITALY

Official "Justification" For Invasion Of Albania



BOMBS EXPLODE ON THAMES BRIDGE.—Two bomb explosions damaged Hammersmith Bridge recently, shattering a steel girder and suspension wires and tearing down fifteen yards of iron railings. It was probably retaliation by the Irish Revolutionary Army for the sentences passed at the Old Bailey on nine of its members. The sentences totalled 91 years, one Commanding officer receiving 17 years. Photo shows two policemen guarding the damaged bridge. One of the suspension links was blown completely away while another can be seen bent at right angles.

POLICY OF BRITAIN AND POLAND THE SAME

London, Yesterday.

A question on the Anglo-Polish Agreement was put in the House of Lords before the adjournment for Easter.

The Government was asked if Poland or Great Britain would decide what constituted an act of aggression.

Lord Plymouth, one of the Under-Secretaries for Foreign Affairs, said that a difference of opinion on such a matter was unlikely.

The policy of the two Governments, he said, was the same—resistance to domination by force. —Router.

GOERING'S TRIP

Rome, Yesterday.

The German Air Minister, Field Marshal Goering, has arrived at Reggio di Calabria, where he will sail for Tripoli to-day. —Trans-Ocean.



General Gamelin, the French Chief of Staff, who has been engaged in important talks this week with Viscount Gort.

Every Right

Rome, Yesterday.

An official statement on Albania says that the occupation had "become a necessity for the defence of the Italian Empire."

"Italy had every right to march into Albania."

"SUBTLE" AIR PRESSURE

Tirana, Yesterday.

An official Albanian statement on developments since Friday morning states that two Italian air squadrons flew over Tirana just at the moment when the Government was deliberating on the final attitude to be adopted towards the Italian ultimatum, which was then definitely rejected by the Chamber.

The Italian squadrons flew over Albania, dropping leaflets calling on the population to surrender to the King-Emperor of Italy, and threatening dire consequences in the event of resistance. Valona was bombed on Thursday night.

The same statement says that heavy fighting has since been going on near Ashinglings, between Albanian gendarmes and volunteers on the one hand and Italian troops on the other. —Trans-Ocean.

Netherlands Stops Army Leave And Warns Reservists

Nervousness is spreading among the smaller European countries.

Following reports of the invasion of Albania, the Netherlands Government cancelled all army leave, and warned all reservists to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to frontier posts.

The Defence Minister, M. Van Dijk and Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, broke off a holiday tour of the Ardennes and have returned to The Hague.

A meeting of the Cabinet Council was called on Friday night immediately after their return to Holland, when defence questions were discussed at a long session.

No official statement on the result of the deliberations has been issued, but it is emphasised that the military measures introduced are purely precautionary.

ALBANIAN COAST LIFE OR DEATH QUESTION

Rome, Yesterday.

An editorial in the "Popolo di Roma" says: "To explain the Italian action one must refer to the history of the last 27 years and to the policy which has been constantly pursued by Italy for many years."

"This policy is based on the one hand on Italy's sincere friendship for the Albanian people, on the other on the vital interests of Italy which do not allow the existence of a centre on the other side of the Adriatic from where her safety and predominant interests in the Adriatic might be threatened."

"Anyone looking at the map will realise that the legitimate defence interests imperatively demand the taking of precautionary measures in the Adriatic."

"The geographical situation is such that in the event of war possession of the Albanian coast will always be a life or death question for Italy, no matter who her adversary in that conflict."

"REVOLT" PLANNED
The paper winds up its attempted justification of Italian aggression by a feeble effort to allege that revolts were being planned in Albania.

It refers to the revolt led by the former Albanian Minister of Interior in 1937, and says the presence of armed bands in various Albanian towns in the last few days "indicated that similar revolts were again being planned."

Trans-Ocean.
Another explanation, of course, is that Albania was taking defensive steps in anticipation of the Italian invasion.

GERMANY PLAYS THE ECHO TUNE

Berlin, Yesterday.

Commenting on the landing of Italian troops in Albania, official German circles declare that this action is regarded as in accord with the text and spirit of the Italian-Albanian friendship pact of 1927, and also with the deep Italian sympathy for the Albanian people.

Germany understands that Italy could not permit a country situated on the opposite side of the Adriatic in a sphere of vital importance to herself to be a permanent centre of unrest, disturbing to general order and at the same time threatening the safety of Italians living there. "Germany has the fullest understanding for Italian action in protection of her interest in this zone, and would not understand or approve any attempt of the Democratic Western powers, (who have no interests there) to interfere in the matter, where the juristic position and course of action of her Axis partner admit of no criticism." —Trans-Ocean.

ASTOUNDING DENIAL

Rome, Yesterday.

The following astounding denial was issued by the Rome Radio Station in all languages:

"The reports on Italian operations in Albania, spread abroad, are so fantastic that they are not worth denial, all the more so since they reveal the same methods as were applied during the Abyssinian war. The Fascist Regime always follows the same course, namely to tell the truth." —Trans-Ocean.

STUBBORN FIGHT AT DURAZZO

London, Yesterday.

First-hand accounts of the fighting at Durazzo received in London state that the Albanian gendarmes, assisted by a few troops which were sent hastily on the arrival of Italian warships, put up a gallant fight against overwhelming odds.

The Italians landed approximately 15,000 men under the cover of a steady covering bombardment by warships, while planes flew overhead, directing the fire and dropping occasional bombs on Albanian barricades erected in the city streets.

In spite of the tremendous odds, the Albanians drove off the landing parties six times before an effective footing was secured.

Italian losses are estimated at between 1,000 and 1,500.

Once a footing had been established, the Italians quickly completed the landing operation and established effective control of Durazzo two hours later.

SHIJAK RIVER CROSSED

Rome, Yesterday.

The Agenzia Stefani states that Italian troops have crossed the Shijak River, 16 kilometres from Durazzo.

King Zog's troops, before retreating, blew up a bridge. In Durazzo, an Italian reconnoitring squadron landed after the aerodrome had been put into order again.

The town of Alessio was occupied in the north and Italian troops are advancing further. The town of Delvine in South-Albania has been reached. —Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN WAR OFFICE DECREE

Rome, Yesterday.

The Italian War Ministry issued a decree yesterday afternoon requiring all reserve officers of the infantry, cavalry, artillery and the engineering corps, to take part in "manoeuvres" in the course of the present year. —Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE HAS NO OBLIGATIONS

Paris, Yesterday.

French political circles state that the French Government has no obligations towards Albania.

It is expected that the French and British Ambassadors will make a demarche with the Italian Government in connection with events in Albania, nevertheless. —Trans-Ocean.

GEN. PARIANI REPORTS TO DUCE

Rome, Yesterday.

General Pariani, Italian Chief of Staff, who had been participating in the military talks with Germany at Innsbruck, returned to Rome yesterday.

His first action was to call on Mussolini, to whom he gave an account of the discussions at Innsbruck. —Router.

—APPEAL FOR— AID FROM ALBANIA

Paris, Yesterday.

The Albanian Minister in Paris has issued an appeal to "all nations" to come to the aid of Albania.

He declares that the conditions which Mussolini desired to impose upon the Albanian Government were such as to deprive Albania of her independence, and were impossible for a free people to accept.

GREEK CABINET MEETING

Athens, Yesterday.

News of the invasion of Albania has caused a sensation in Greece, where the Italian step appears to be regarded with disfavour.

A meeting of the Greek Cabinet was called late last night, but the official communiqué merely stated that the Albanian situation was discussed.

Certain military precautions have been taken on the Graeco-Albanian frontier.



GUARD HIS HEALTH

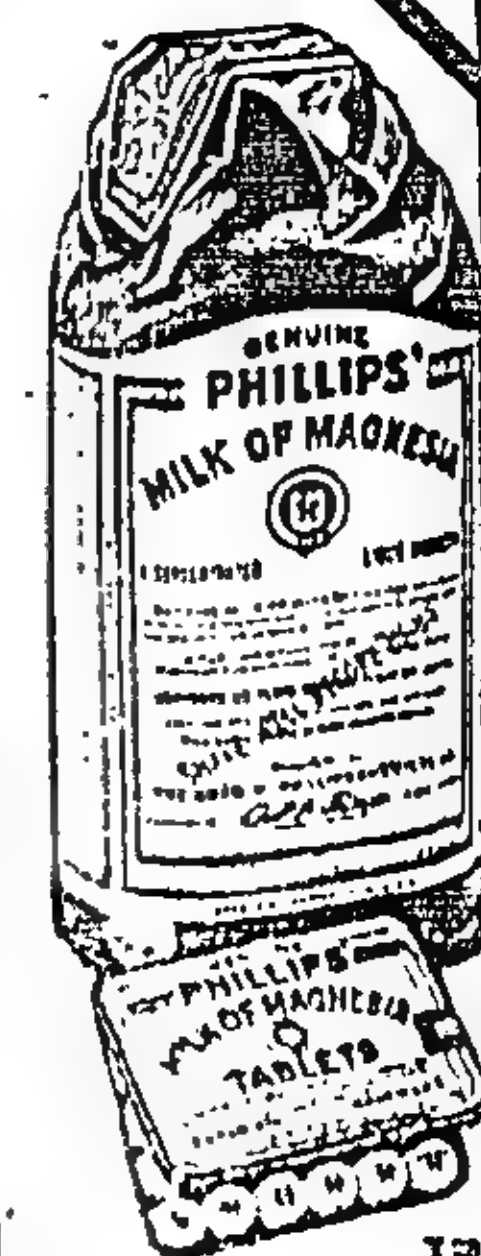
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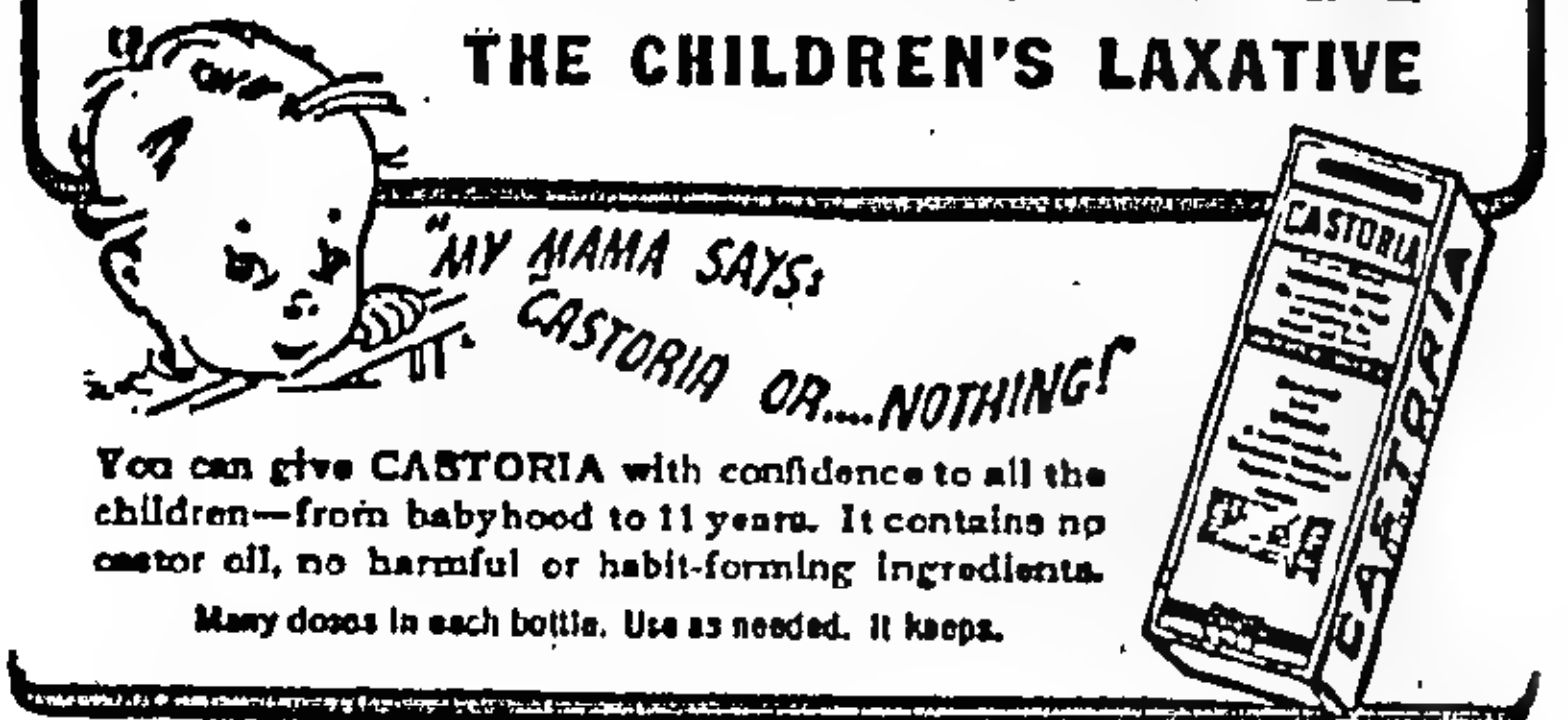


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Disbursements to the company's policyholders during 1938, exclusive of policy loans, total U.S.\$2,893,504.00. Since the organization of the company in 1906 the amount of benefits distributed in cash to policyholders and their beneficiaries total U.S.\$43,113,065.64.

Requests for surrenders and policy loans have been the lowest for many years past, and substantially lower than the previous year, which is indicative of continued general improvement in business condition.

All Europe Rushes Gold To England -To U.S. Next

VAST quantities of gold are pouring into Britain from Europe. Belgium, Switzerland, and Holland are taking precautions against possible further Nazi aggression by sending gold reserves to London.

Nearly £20,000,000 of the Czechoslovak National Bank's gold in Prague was seized by the Nazis.

The Belgian National Bank has the huge sum of £115,000,000 of gold. Much of this has been flown to Croydon.

The Belgian Government is making sure that its gold will be safe in the event of any invasion.

But, in addition, gold from London worth £45,000,000 was rushed across the Atlantic to New York last week end.

Some £12,000,000 of the gold went in the American liner Manhattan and the rest was shared by the French Normandie and the British Aquitania, Ascania, and Andania.

Nearly all the gold was the property of foreigners hoarding bullion in London.

The movements mean that America is becoming more than ever the world's biggest gold holder.

The world's gold stock is about 854,000,000 oz., of which the United States has nearly 415,000,000 oz., worth over £3,000,000. Britain's holding is about 77,000,000 oz., worth £575,000,000.

BOUGHT DOLLARS

The Continental hoarders are not so sure that gold held in London is as safe as they would like it to be in the event of another European war.

They sold their gold in London and transferred the proceeds to New York by buying dollars. To provide the dollars Britain's Exchange Fund had to sell the gold to New York.

The hoarded gold has not been sent direct to New York by the hoarders, for in the United States private gold holdings are prohibited. But the effect has been just the same as if they had shipped it direct.

A similar movement has been going on from the Continental countries — £1,400,000 worth of gold for Brussels left Cherbourg last Saturday.



Over £45,000,000 in gold has left Britain in the last week for safe keeping in New York. The Aquitania, Ascania and Andania took £18,000,000, and the Normandie £2,800,000. The Manhattan carried £12,000,000 from Southampton. Photo shows dockers lowering gold into the hold of the s.s. Manhattan just before she sailed for New York.

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Fakhri Bey Nashashibi, a leader of the Arab National Defence Party, still in London following the Palestine conference, carries his death warrant in his pocket.

His execution has been ordered by the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. He received the document through the post on the eve of his departure from Palestine.

The document refers to a memorandum he had submitted to the High Commissioner of Palestine, and alleges that he accused the Grand Mufti of having caused all the troubles in Palestine.

The document ends with the words that any Arab can execute this sentence of death.

"While in London he is safe, but when he returns to Palestine he will have to be on his guard."

("The Grand Mufti is a former president of the Supreme Moslem Council. He has consistently opposed British aims in Palestine, even to the point of conflict with his own countrymen.")

THE SENTENCE

Headquarters of the Great Arab No. 109/38. Revolution, Pal- Date: 30/11/38. estine.

TO THE PUBLIC:

"He who deserts a nation or a people should be killed with the sword, whoever he may be."

As Fakhri el Nashashibi, a member of the El Difa (Defence) Party, connived with the enemy in his memorandum in which he compromised the rights of the country, and pretended a thing to which he was not entitled, and as he deserted the entire nation and came into agreement with the British and the Zionist yoke.

He is therefore deemed by the Headquarters (High Court) of the Great Arab Revolution to be a traitor and condemned to death.

It is the duty of every Arab to execute this judgment whenever possible.

The Headquarters of the Great Arab Revolution authorize any suffering to be inflicted on Fakhri el Nashashibi for deserting the cause.

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Will Britain Face Up To

CONSCRIPTION?

COMPULSION is a word hateful to Britons. We treasure our liberties very dearly, we guard them vigilantly and we bitterly resent any threat of encroachment on them.

We are right to value freedom highly, but we should be wrong if we were to put it before security. For security is a condition of freedom and must therefore come first. Let the citizens be free within the walls of the city, but when those walls are in danger of attack from the enemy, if there is anyone who is unwilling to perform his share of defending them he is a bad citizen and must be compelled to do his duty.

There is nothing undemocratic about this doctrine. It is of the very essence of democracy. It is in the tradition of Athens; it is in the life blood of France. In the common interest force must be used to restrain the wrong-doer, be he murderer or thief. Equally in the common interest must force be used to ensure that the shirkers and the unpatriotic, who are as much the enemies of the community as the criminals, shall not be allowed to evade their responsibilities.

I DO not, however, for one moment believe that the millions in Great Britain to-day who have still no task assigned to them in the scheme of national service are either unpatriotic or have any desire to shirk their obligations. They are waiting to be told two things—first whether there is really need of their services—secondly how they can best serve.

Unfortunately the success of the voluntary National Service

Scheme was seriously prejudiced from the start by a series of optimistic statements on the part of Ministers which resulted in convincing people of what they are ever most willing to believe, namely that there was no ground for alarm nor any cause for interference with their normal habits.

THEY were assured on the best authority that hatreds in Europe were being damped down, that the barometer was set to fair, that a golden age of peace was at hand and they were encouraged to count their blessings rather than to sharpen their swords. Those who dared to strike a warning note were reminded that they had neither the responsibilities nor the sources of information open to Ministers and that their criticism therefore was based on irresponsibility and ignorance. They were contemptuously dis-

By Rt. Hon.
**ALFRED
DUFF COOPER**

missed as "jitterbugs" or more severely denounced as warmongers.

It is therefore of the first importance that this policy should be reversed in Great Britain and that there should come from the highest quarters authoritative statements calculated to leave no doubt in the minds of the people of the mortal danger that confronts the state. If, when that knowledge has sunk into the minds of the Englishmen, they are presented with a series of pamphlets on national service then their reaction will be "If the situation is as serious as it now appears, it is too late for the Government to ask us what we would care to do, it is time that they told us what we have got to do. We no longer wish to be invited or cajoled. We want to be commanded and led."

We all remember the man who in the last war adopted the attitude "If the Government really want me let them come and get me. I shall go gladly but I do not feel called upon to volunteer." And it is for this reason that compulsory service is no greater interference with freedom than is compulsory taxation. Nobody likes paying taxes but everybody recognises the unpleasant necessity. Although the collection of taxes must be compulsory, the basis of it is voluntary for the citizens elect the men who vote the taxes.

BUT here one important difference arises. There is no party in England that denies necessity of taxation, but it appears that there exists a very powerful party that is likely to question the necessity of compulsion. The resistance of the Labour Party must at all costs be overcome and their consent obtained. The simplest method would appear to be to persuade them to take their share of the responsibility. They should be asked to join the Government and generous terms should be offered them with regard both to personnel and to policy. If in the hour of national emergency they both refused to collaborate with the Government and continued to thwart the policy which the Government believed the safety of the country demanded they would stand condemned both in the eyes of the electorate and at the bar of history. The present is certainly not a suitable time for a General Election. The Labour Party can force one. If they do so their blood will be upon their own head.

CONSCRIPTION is a word that expresses vaguely what the majority of the English people now believe that the situation demands. Many of those who use it would hesitate to define it and there would be much difference of opinion before an agreed definition was reached. It is of course for the Government to say what man power is needed and where. No-body wants to recruit number-

less battalions of infantry until there are the means of training them and the equipment for arming them.

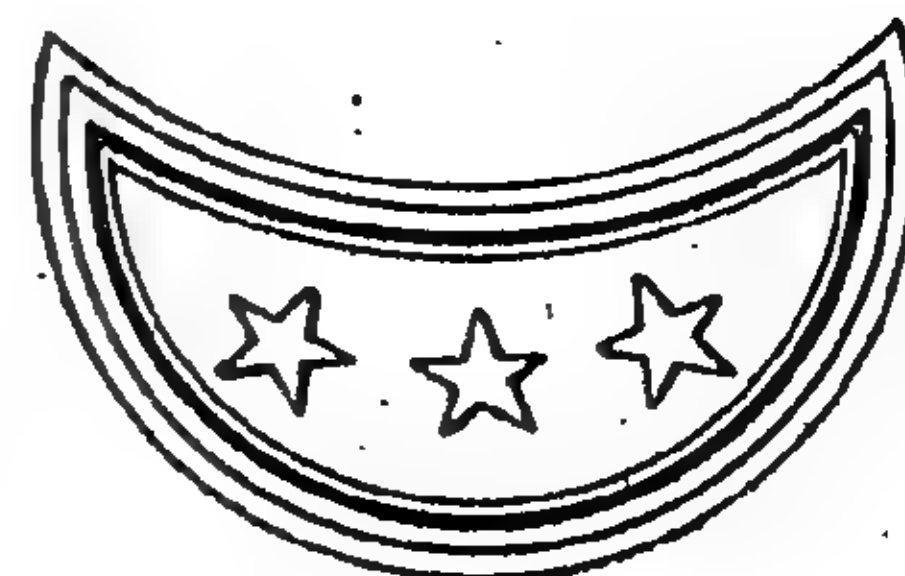
THE first thing is to make statutory the right of the Government to call upon able bodied men to perform military service. The next thing is to compile a real national register, founded of course upon a compulsory basis, in order that the State may know exactly what are the resources of man power at its disposal. Knowing then both what are the demands and what is the supply the Government will have the task of making the latter meet the former, apportioning to commerce, to industry, to the services and to other requirements their proper share. Each man—and perhaps each woman too—must be told what task they will have to perform at a time of emergency. Then such steps as may be possible must be taken to give to each of them such training in peace as will render them efficient for service in war.

IN this way should be carried out the purpose of preparation—but simultaneously an even more important purpose will be served. Great Britain will prove to the world that she is in earnest—a fact of which the world is anxiously awaiting proof. Every other country in Europe has long since conscripted its man power. If Great Britain still refuses to do so can it be possible that Great Britain really means business? Is their help to be looked for from her, or would it be wiser to bow to what must otherwise be the inevitable domination of Germany? There was no help for Lithuania. There must be help for Rumania? There must be help for Denmark, there must be help for Holland? Compulsory service in England would ensure it.

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RESOURCES

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First Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Insured Under the U.S. National Housing Act (FHA)	5,532,835.15
Loans to Policyholders, Secured by Legal Reserves on Policies	5,367,017.57
Government, Public Utility and Other Bonds	3,140,109.21
Stocks at Market Values	1,237,058.56
Real Estate Owned and Sold Under Contract	1,589,734.91
Home Office Building	774,709.67
Collateral Loans, Secured by First Mortgages and Real Estate	78,438.45
Premiums Outstanding and Deferred, Secured by Legal Reserves	846,091.53
Interest and Rents, Due and Accrued	203,345.23
Cash in Offices, in Banks and in Transit	768,516.15
Other Resources	170,975.14

TOTAL RESOURCES U.S.\$24,899,350.67

LIABILITIES

Reserve on All Outstanding Policies	U.S.\$22,982,425.77
Reserve for Policy Claims and Losses Incurred	271,365.38
Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance	304,309.67
Reserve for Taxes Payable in 1939	46,858.17
Reserve for Dividends to Policyholders	188,380.41
Other Liabilities	182,868.49
Reserve for Contingencies in Real Estate	\$ 94,000.00
Reserve for Contingencies in Mortgage Loans	222,000.00
Reserve for General Contingencies	57,642.88
Capital Stock	375,000.00
Unassigned Surplus	225,000.00

TOTAL SURPLUS RESOURCES U.S.\$ 973,642.88

TOTAL LIABILITIES U.S.\$24,899,350.67

In 1938 there was an increase in insurance in force and in assets.

New Premiums amounted to U.S.\$ 829,404.00 an increase over the previous year of 17.2%
Premiums received, new and renewal, total U.S.\$4,431,450.00 " " " " " " 6.2%

Payments to policyholders for the year 1938 equalled U.S.\$ 2,893,504.00
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries since the organization of the Company total U.S.\$43,113,665.64

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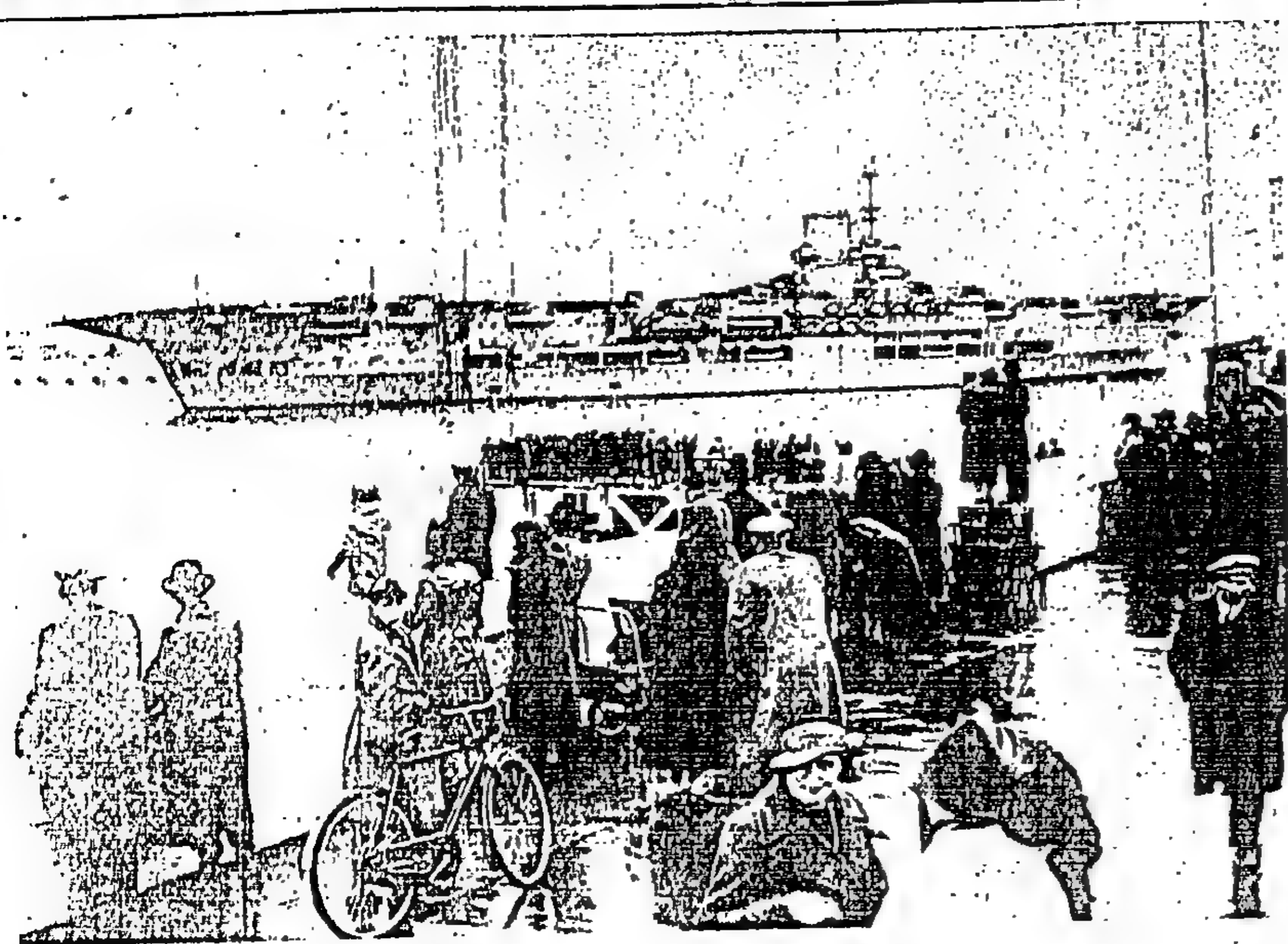
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The Strategic Meaning Of

Franco Link With Axis



Ships of the British Fleet have arrived at Portsmouth after their Spring exercises in the Atlantic. A large crowd of relatives and friends of the ratings and officers were waiting on the quayside to greet them. Photo shows a crowd watching the Ark Royal arriving at Portsmouth. She was the scene of the Stanhope "brick-dropping" incident.

London, Yesterday.
That Spain would in the event of war place her naval bases at Germany's and Italy's disposal is the conviction expressed by the "News Chronicle," in commentary on Spain's adherence to the anti-Comintern pact.
General Franco's adherence to the pact is regarded by the paper as "an answer to those who had declared throughout the Spanish civil war that England's non-intervention policy would be acknowledged with gratitude by General Franco."

General Franco had reserved his gratitude for those who had helped him to bring Republican Spain to her knees. The British Government had missed the chance of making Spain in time a bulwark against dictatorships.

As result the routes of communication of the British Empire were now in direct danger and England's and France's security gravely threatened.—Trans-Ocean

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You, as the shrewder of the two, should have known what kind of a man was your husband when you married him; what he wanted from life and marriage, what appealed to him, and what appalled him. Right. You did? Then why haven't you catered for him accordingly.

If she is prettier and more attractive than you are, you have your remedy. Spend more time

over again and, if you can forgive me for this one lapse, I'll do everything I can to get us back to the old happy plane of existence."

Find out, if you can, in just what way she appealed to him. Was it that she had a smarter appearance than you? Or perhaps she was a super-intelligent type, who talked to him on subjects that you know nothing about, or don't even care about. Maybe they dined at restaurants, while all you and your husband did was to dine out only on Special Occasions. Well, surely there is an easy remedy for that? Of course there is; you should make a point of going out, leaving all your household cares to take care of themselves, at least once a week. And DON'T make a special day of it each week. Habits of this sort soon lose their freshness, so make a different suggestion each time.

Never refer to his late girlfriend, or twist him even lightly on the subject. If he is a decent man he will be feeling heartily ashamed of himself for a long time to come. Perhaps, years later, he will bring up the subject himself, and discuss in tones of wonder how nearly your marriage came to breaking up through his assinine behaviour. Be gentle with him when he does this, and tell him how glad you are that he discovered his mistake in time. And remember, it is always HE who discovered the mistake—never you! By this you will satisfy his male vanity, and flatter his perspicacity.

One final word.

Be interested in his reading tastes, his hobbies, his political views (even if you don't agree with them, there is a topic for interesting discussions). Be interested in him, and it is extremely probable that he will be sufficiently interested in you for him to be weaned of all desire for the third side of that eternal but trying triangle.

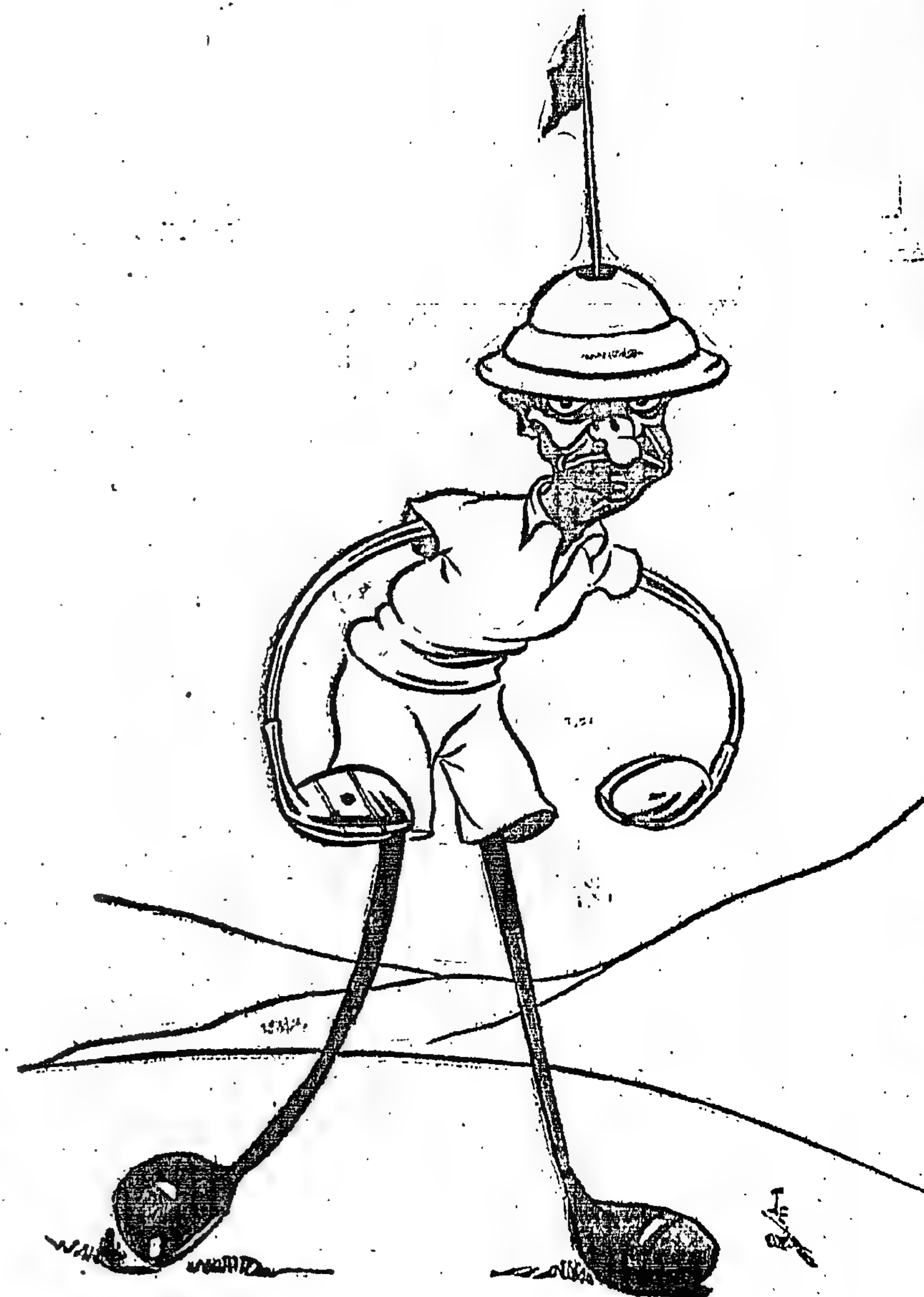
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NEW SYRIAN CABINET

Damascus, Yesterday.
A new Syrian Cabinet has been formed with Nassouh Boukharis as Premier.

Other members of the Cabinet are:—Khaled Azam (Justice), Khalil Madaless (Finance), Selim (Economy) and Hassan Hakim (Education).

Political quarters here expect that the Boukharis Government will be rather short-lived since the Syrian National Bloc has already announced its opposition to the new Government. It is believed that the Government will dissolve Parliament since it cannot count on Parliament's support. The only member of the late Cabinet included in the new Government is Selim Dajambart, who retained his post as Minister of Economy.—Trans-Ocean.



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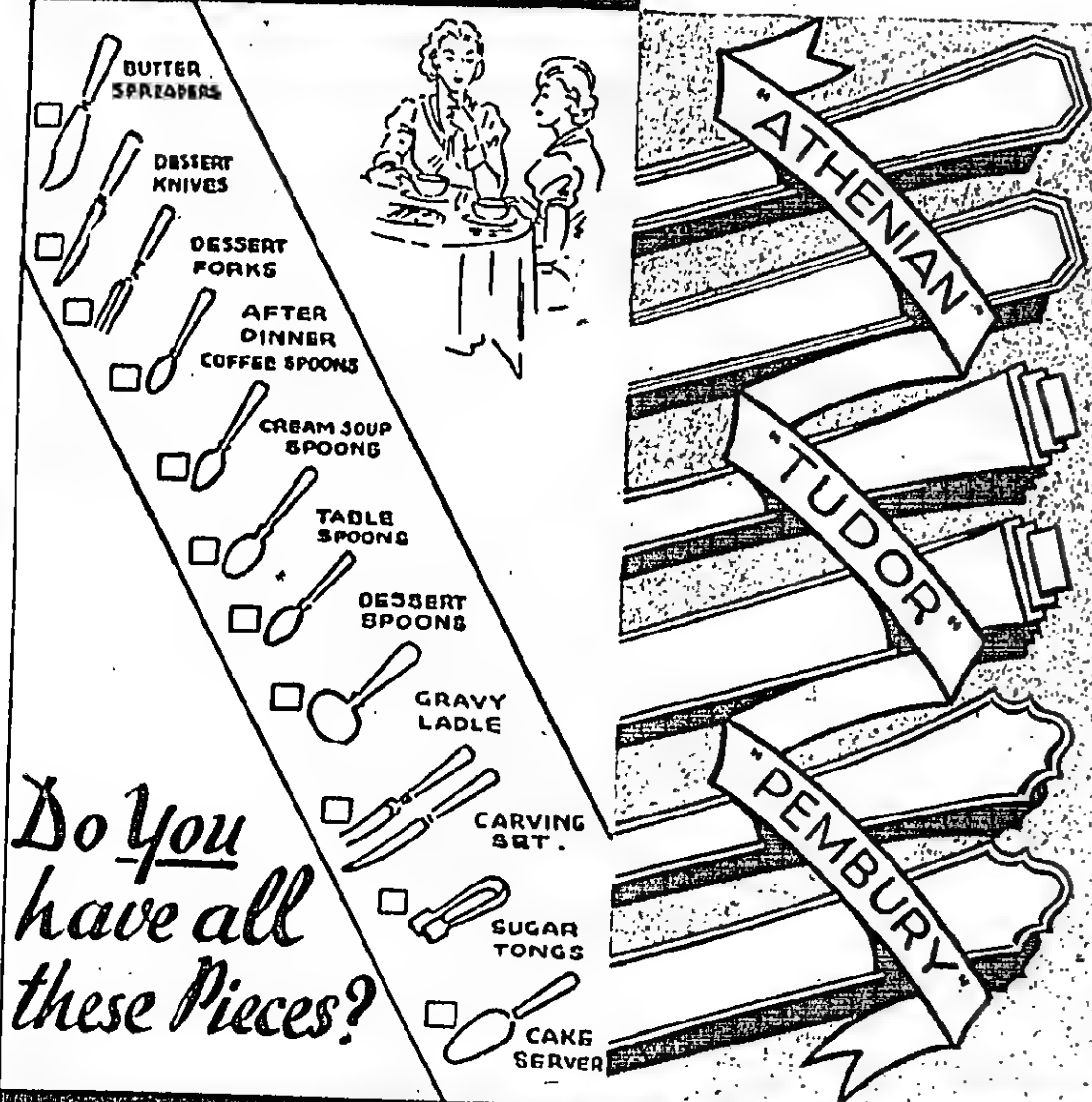
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The End Of The Spanish Civil War And The Future Of Spain

Some Of The
Problems Which
Follow The Fall
Of Madrid As Seen
by
MANUEL NOGALES

Former Editor of
"Ahora," Madrid.

THE general view is that the fall of Madrid amounts to the laying of the spectre of the Spanish civil war through the victory of Franco. The main problem would now seem to be the reconstruction of a country devastated by two and a half years of civil war. This would be logical and natural if the Spanish civil war had been a purely Spanish problem. But it is not the fact.

What can Franco do? Spain is not self-sufficient. For purposes of reconstruction, Spain must forcibly enter into international alliances. This is the fundamental problem which has not changed since the beginning of the war.

Franco and the military rebels involved in the imperialist adventure of the totalitarian powers wished to detach Spain from the orbit of the Western powers towards which the Spanish State, whether monarchical or republican, gravitated for imperative geographical and economic reasons. They imagined that the European hegemony of the Holy Germano-Empire would promote the revival of the Spanish Empire of the sixteenth century—their dream.

The naive conception formed of the war by the poor in spirit, namely that it was merely a question of internal policy, of a quarrel between the right and the left wing, between monarchists and republicans, capitalists and proletarians, has resulted in the fallacious conviction that, once the war is terminated, Spain will be

merely desirous of peace and that her natural resources will permit of prompt reconstruction, thanks to an assured and rapid influx of international capital. This was the idea and the expectation not only of the bankers of the City, but also of the Spanish capitalists who supported General Franco's enterprise.

This was the hope of the French and British Governments when ratifying their recognition of the Franco Government. By sending Marshal Petain to Burgos, the French Government wished to give nationalist Spain the most far-reaching guarantee of friendship and consideration. To its great surprise, Franco rejected the credits offered by the British capitalists, and the victor of Verdun had to wait in the Burgos lobby while Franco consulted his German and Italian advisers.

THESE are the facts which have shown the world what is the real situation of Spain. Spain is a vessel of the totalitarian States. Franco is determined to link up the destinies of Spain with those of Germany and Italy, notwithstanding the proofs of friendship advanced by the democratic powers and against the will of his own people. What the people wishes is peace, national reconstruction and the restoration of friendly relations with its traditional friends, but this national desire is confined by the aggressive minority of which Franco is the head and which imposes, first against the "Reds," then against the real nationalists, the enslavement of Spain to the imperial designs of the totalitarians. Once the Republic is eliminated, the primary problem remains in abeyance.

If Spain wishes to dispense with the financial assistance offered by the democracies as a guarantee of

peace, she must resign herself to the abolition of a liberal economic regime and to the introduction of the barter system, by submitting to the autarchical system of the Third Reich and Fascist Italy. This is a thing which the conservatives which have supported Franco will never accept of their own free will. The Spanish bourgeoisie and the capitalist circles will never consent to be sacrificed to the barbaric divinity of totalitarianism without resisting, and, in a very short time, we shall see a reaction which will take the form of a second civil war.

The great mistake of the world in general is to imagine that this national reaction will be strong enough to surmount the desires of a minority engaged in the totalitarian adventure. If it were a question of the Spanish forces alone, Burgos would be short-ly compelled to break off relations with Germany and Italy; but it must not be forgotten that the war has served as a pretext for the installation in Spain of an extranational power, which, in the long run, controls the destinies of the country. This power by which the Spaniards are at present governed is none other than the Gestapo, the secret police of the Third Reich.

THE Gestapo is the real weapon of the Franco Government. The proud and sensitive Hidalgo may be easily irritated by the presence of the petulant Italian troops, but they do not perceive that their veritable masters are not the vainglorious officers of the Italian army, but the German agents, the retiring officials of the Gestapo, who, without any external formalities, have obtained possession of the vital resources of the country and now instruct the Burgos Government as to its line of conduct.

Germany has not followed the same line as Italy. She has not sent important detachments of troops to the country. To exercise her influence, all that was necessary was the presence of some hundreds of technicians who did not awake the suspicions of the natives. It must not be forgotten that almost the whole German staff in Spain has been recruited among the former Gestapo agents in South America, who are well informed of the Spanish character and speak the language cor-

rectly. They include the German agents of Chile and the Argentine, the airmen of the former Junkers services in South America and the adventurers of the Chaco conflict, all perfectly familiar with the Spanish customs and language. These persons have exercised a direct influence in the Peninsula. These skilled Gestapo agents know how to flatter the Spaniards, and they are therefore by no means so hostile to them as to the Italians.

THANKS to the Gestapo, Franco can dominate the national will. It is the policy of the Third Reich, which daily solves the problems raised by the introduction of a totalitarian regime. As regards the definite question of national reconstruction, it is the Gestapo itself which has enabled Franco to reach a solution which enables him to dispense with the assistance of international finance. The vanquished armies of the civil war, transformed into serfs, will be called upon to reconstruct the country without wages. It is in order to obtain this virtually free labour, that the Spanish camps of concentration have been created, and that the Government is preparing a law based upon the principle of "redemption through labour of political delinquents." Administered by the Gestapo on the lines tested in Germany, there are at present in Spain numerous concentration camps with about 600,000 prisoners, according to the official figures of the Burgos Government. In the French concentration camps, there are about 800,000 refugees who are awaiting their transfer to Franco, and with the rendition of Madrid and of the rest of the Peninsula, it is possible that the number of the Spaniards retained in the camps may exceed one million. The law recently enacted with regard to political responsibilities together with that on the principle of "redemption through labour" will convert this million of men into a million of slaves, whose labour will form the basis of the totalitarian State.

ON the basis of this serfdom and the facilities offered by the barter system derived from the German expansion in Eastern Europe, which enables the autarchical block to constitute an almost complete economic system alongside of the liberal regimes, it will be possible for the Burgos Government to do what the democratic powers regard as impossible, namely, to eliminate liberal capitalism in the Peninsula and to erect at the extreme limit of Western Europe a State hostile to the great Western powers. This is the sole and real mission of Franco. Thanks to him, Spain is being transformed into an instrument of German expansion not only in South Western Europe, but also in North Africa and, very shortly, in South America. The German agents, who were obliged by North American influence to leave the Spanish speaking republics of America and are now in Spain wish to return to the new Continent as delegates of Spain and as apostles of the Franquist doctrine—the channel of the German expansion overseas.

Will Spain resign herself to this mission? As long as a people in arms was fighting for its own independence, it was possible to believe that this project would fail. At the present day, the resistance of the conservatives, the purely material interests of the capitalists, and the aristocrats' sentimental idea of their dignity are not designed to foster illusions on the part of the democratic powers. There may be a second civil war in Spain, but the German tiger will not be easily compelled to release its prey.

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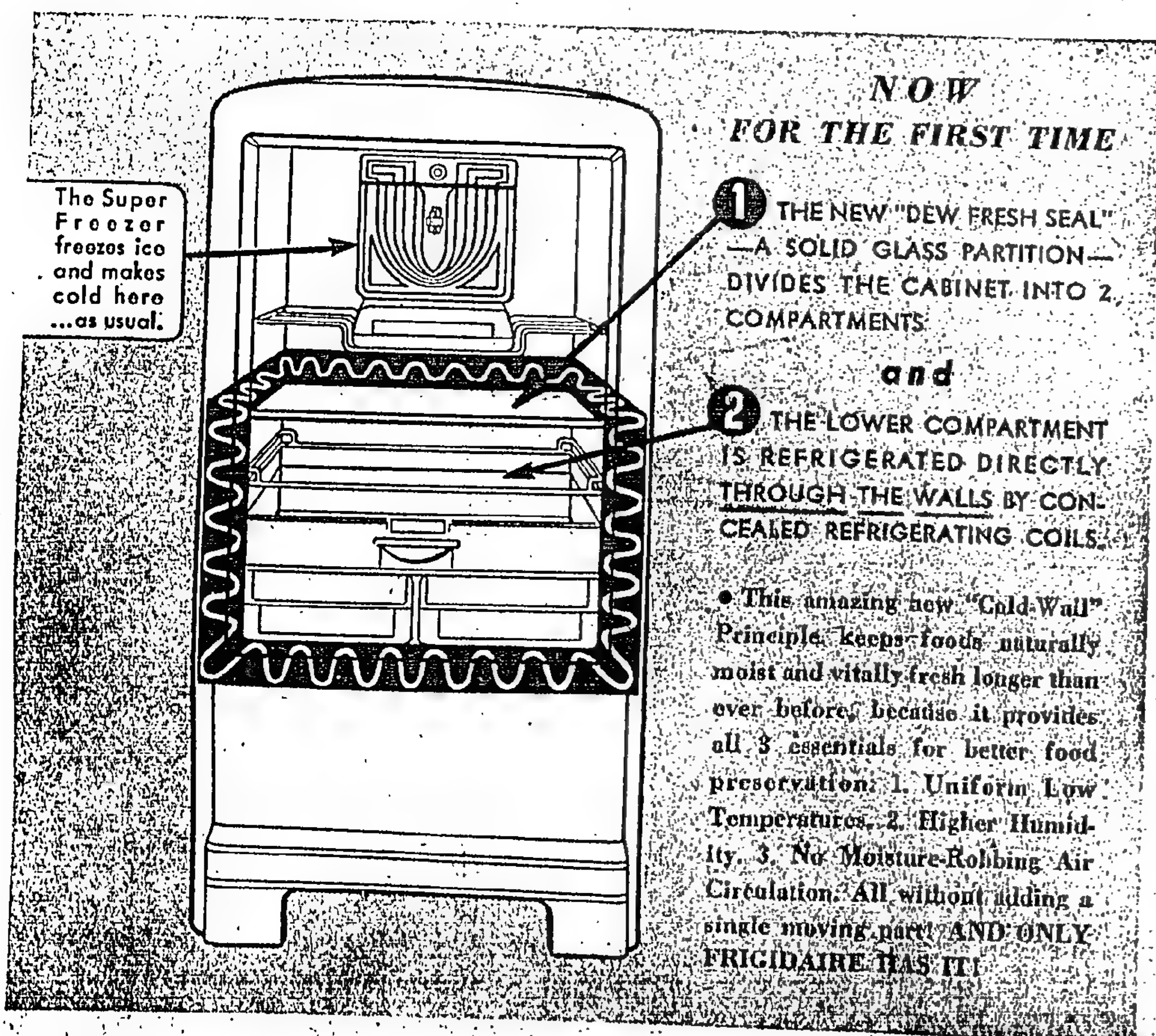
"Daddy" Austin left Waterloo on March 25 en route for America to join the campaign for peace. He hopes to meet sportsmen in America in the campaign. J. L. Guise, Oxford University and Middlesex cricketer, is travelling to America with him. Photo shows Daddy Austin saying good-bye to his wife, Phyllis Austin. (Copyright, By A. M. M.)

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YUGOSLAVIA TAKES ALARM
BUT NO DECISIONSRENT RACKET
NOT YET
ERADICATED?

Sir,—A great admirer of the courage you show in touching subjects that everybody knows about but which few dare air, I thought you might give me some advice that would certainly be useful to many.

A few months ago my landlord increased my rent forty per cent. Other tenants were similarly treated. Now he talks of a new increase that most of us are unable to bear. When I spoke to him of the Eviction Ordinance, he laughed as though it were a joke.

What can we expect soon, of men who earn about \$80 monthly, pay \$40 in rent, and then are asked for more. Is it going on until there is starvation not only in the streets but in many homes?

Can you give us good advice in time.

A LANDLORD'S VICTIM.

Yours etc.

Our own information is that the housing situation is becoming a little easier. Many Shanghai refugees are beginning to go back, and there has been a good deal of new construction. Correct procedure for a tenant faced with unwarranted rent increase demands is to refuse payment of more than the normal rent and compel the landlord to seek an eviction order. The fair rent will be assessed by the Court.—Ed.]

PICKPOCKET

Chan Shung, 46, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest yesterday, with theft of a fountain pen from a waiter, in Johnston Road on Friday.

Defendant, who had 13 previous convictions, was sentenced to two months' hard labour, and placed under police supervision for two years.

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SUBMARINE
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NEXT!

Clydeside engineers are planning a submarine-carrying ship which may be the first step in revolutionising both naval warfare and life-saving at sea. The submarine will be installed in airlocks near the waterline. Outrushing compressed air will prevent water entering the locks as each submarine is launched.

If the present experiments are successful, big passenger ships of the future may be fitted with submarines instead of lifeboats. Should a submarine-carrying ship sink, the passengers would be shot out of the side of the ship in submarines instead of lowered into open lifeboats liable to be overturned in rough water.

The first experimental ship is to carry four small submarines.

N.Y. SHARE
SLUMP

The New York Stock Market is in the throes of a slump, a further sharp drop being experienced on Thursday. The Market was closed on Good Friday.

Dow Jones' industrial average is down 4.02 points to 126.32, rails by 1.11 points to 25.75, and utilities down by .81 to 21.57.

Opinion appears to be that the sharpness of the drop placed the market in a favourable position for improvement on receipt of more promising news from Europe.

Political tension has, however, increased with the Italian invasion of Albania as Italy's Easter present.

The market at present is at its lowest level of 1939.

MALARIA
MENACE TO
NORTH AMERICA

New York Yesterday.

Dr. Raymond Fosdick, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, declares in his annual review that the recent invasion of South America by the anopheles mosquito, a malaria-carrying mosquito, previously found only in Africa, represents a menace to western civilisation potentially greater than any expeditionary force from the planet of Mars.

Until 1930 this mosquito was unknown in the Western Hemisphere. It must have crossed the Southern Atlantic either by aeroplane or in one of the fast destroyers, which went from Bakar, in French West Africa, to Natal, Brazil, when survey work for the French South Atlantic air route was being carried out.

The species was first discovered within the city limits of Natal in 1930, and eight years later it infected with malaria 90 per cent. of the inhabitants of the Jaguaribe Valley, representing 50,000 cases. The mortality rate was 10 per cent.

DANGER OF SPREADING

Regarding the danger of the mosquito advancing towards North America, the report says: "If the Gambiao should break through the well-watered Parana-hyba and San Francisco River valleys it is feared that it would be impossible to prevent it spreading to a part of South, Central, and even North America. The Parana-hyba Valley is 50 miles from Natal, and the mosquitoes are already half-way there."

During 1938, Dr. Fosdick reported, the Rockefeller Foundation appropriated more than \$3,200,000.

Since its income amounted to only \$1,500,000, it was necessary not only to use the balance carried over from earlier years but to dip into the principal fund for nearly \$1,000,000.—Our Own Correspondent.

Two-Hour Cabinet
Meeting On
Albania Attack

Belgrade, Yesterday.

Members of the Yugo-Slav Government met at 11 o'clock and sat for two hours discussing the reports from Albania but issued no official statement.

From an authoritative Yugo-Slav quarter, it was learned that Yugo-Slavia is watching events with the closest attention. The Government in Rome had notified Belgrade of events and had given assurances regarding respect for Yugo-Slav interests.

At the Yugoslav Council of Ministers, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Cincal-Markovitch, reported on the situation but no decisions were arrived at. Yugoslavia has taken no steps.

The Yugoslav Government hopes that the whole question will be ended quickly despite Albanian resistance.

In political circles in Belgrade, news of events in Albania caused some dismay, but this led to no excitement or demonstration.

UP TO LAST

Up till the last moment it had been hoped in Belgrade that the conflict would be regulated in a friendly way by concessions to Italy from the Albanian Government. As stated here the Italian Minister informed the Yugoslav Foreign Minister on Wednesday what the grounds were that might make an Italian intervention in Albania necessary.

It is alleged that recently King Zog has been entering into closer relations with British circles.

KING ZOG'S PAST

King Zog is well known in Yugoslavia, having formerly lived for many years as a political refugee in the south Serb town of Petch, and was considered a friend of Yugoslavia until he disappointed when, on becoming King of Albania, he adopted a strong pro-Italian policy.

Despite that, when in 1924 King Zog was driven out of Albania by the Orthodox Bishop Fan Noli, he again found an asylum and support in Yugoslavia.—Trans-Ocean.

GAFENCU OFF
TO TURKEY

Bucharest, Yesterday.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu has left for Constanza, where he will board a warship that will convey him to Turkey.

M. Gafencu's visit to the Turkish capital has no official character but will nevertheless have a certain significance in connection with the present international situation.—Trans-Ocean.

THREE-HOUR TALK

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, who had a three-hour conversation yesterday afternoon with the Prime Minister, M. Calinescu, has again changed his plans and was to have left last night for Istanbul.

It is regarded as certain that he will meet M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, and it is believed the bearing of the fighting in Albania on the Balkans situation will be discussed.—Reuter.

LORRY HITS ROAD
SIGN: SEQUEL

Mak Kwan was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest yesterday with driving without due care and caution, and driving without a licence in Leighton Hill Road on Friday.

Defendant was driving a motor lorry and ran into a road sign. He was cautioned on the first charge, and fined \$2 on the second.

Ng Kwan, charged with allowing the lorry to be driven by first defendant, was fined \$5.

Mr. S. N. Bernard, of the N.Y.K. Company, while travelling in a motor bus between Aberdeen and Yau-mat Ferry wharf, had a watch stolen from his pocket.

YOUNG SON OF
ARMY MAN
PASSES

The remains of the late James Morlan Wilkie, only son of Drum-Major and Mrs. Wilkie, of the Seaforth Highlanders, Sharnshulpo, were laid to rest in the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, on Friday, in the presence of a large number of mourners.

The little white casket was borne to the grave on the shoulders of Cpl. Hamilton, Cpl. Webster, L/C. Meek and Private Stewart.

The Rev. Mackenzie Dow officiated, the father being chief mourner.

Floral tributes were sent by Major & Mrs. Rawstone, Capt. & Mrs. McRae, Ronnie Grant, All Details, 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, Sergeant Mess, 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, P. S.-M. & Mrs. McKay, Families, 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, Cpl. & Mrs. Webster, and others.

VIGILANTE
BRIGADE

Sir,—Very many thanks to you for having published my letter, and more power to you!

I am very glad to see that a lead has been taken, and that by no less a personality than one of our learned Magistrates, who personally caught an Indian constable and his accomplice red-handed in the act of extorting money from poor hawkers etc. Now that the ball has been started rolling, I suggest that things be probed deeper. I am confident that an enormous racket will be exposed, and, I hope, eradicated.

Will you please tell me how civilians can help when they discover something worth while reporting to the Police?

PHARISEE.

[If it is in connection with rackets, a report to the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation would suit the case. But it is as well to be in a position to provide substantial proof before making allegations.—Ed.]

D.M.S. ARPOINTED
TO EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Hon. Dr. Percy Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke, M.C., M.D. (Lond.), B.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.P. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.P.H. (Camb.), D.T.M. & H. (Lond.), Barrister-at-Law, Gray's Inn, to be an Official Member of the Executive Council, with effect from the 6th April, 1939.

WAH YEE COLLEGE
PRIZE DAY

The annual prize-giving of Wah Yee College is being held at Confucius Hall at 11.30 a.m. to-day. The Rev. Father Donnelly will give away the prizes.

In his annual report, the Headmaster, Mr. Lim Hing-ping said that the boys had established a One Cent a Day movement in the cause of Chinese charities.

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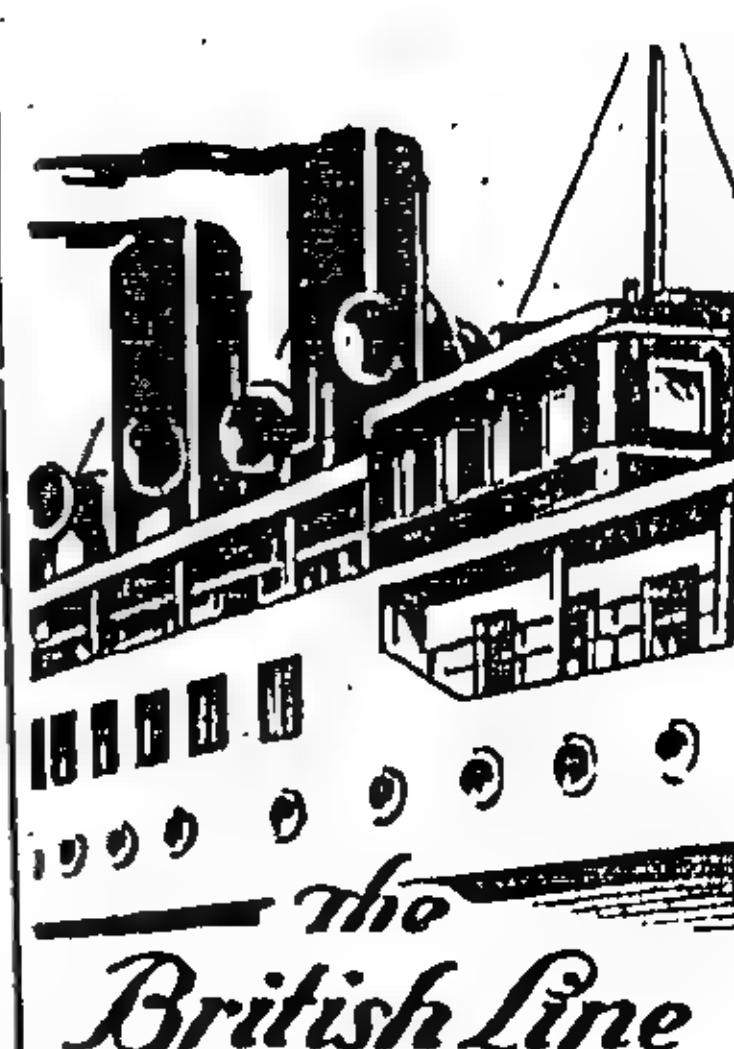
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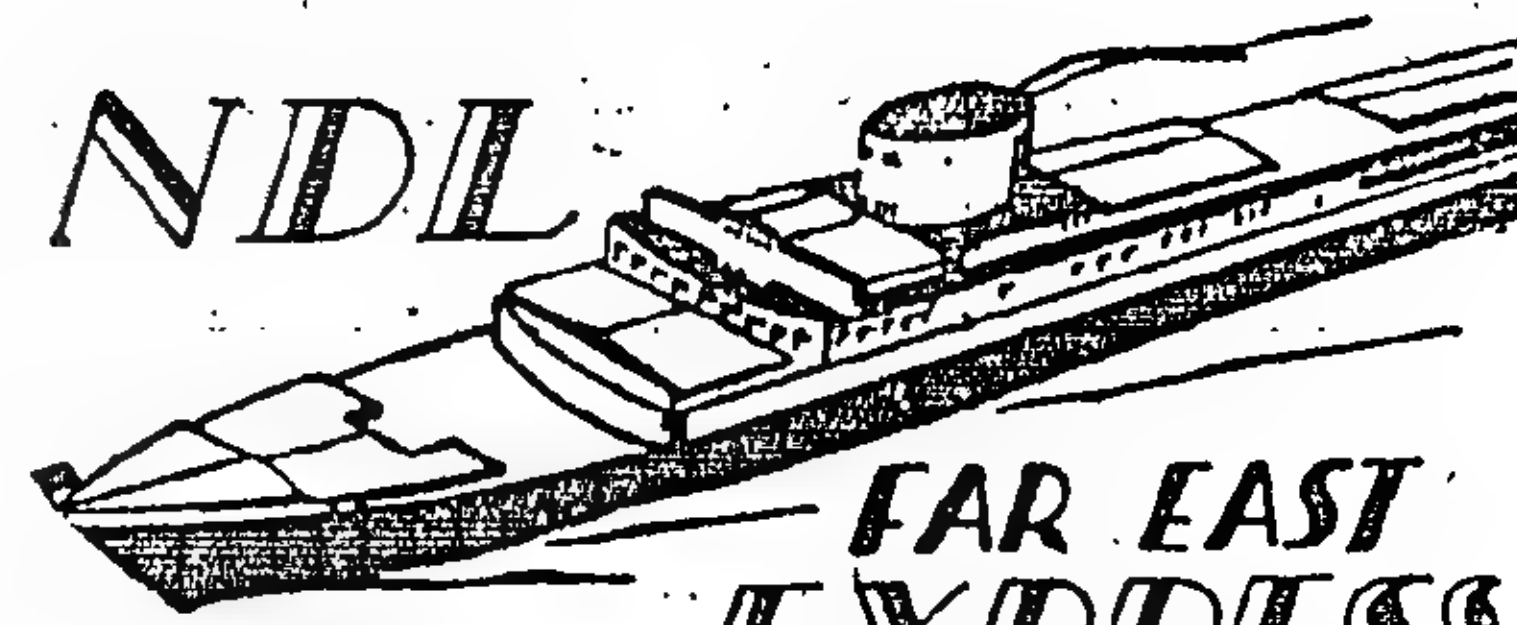
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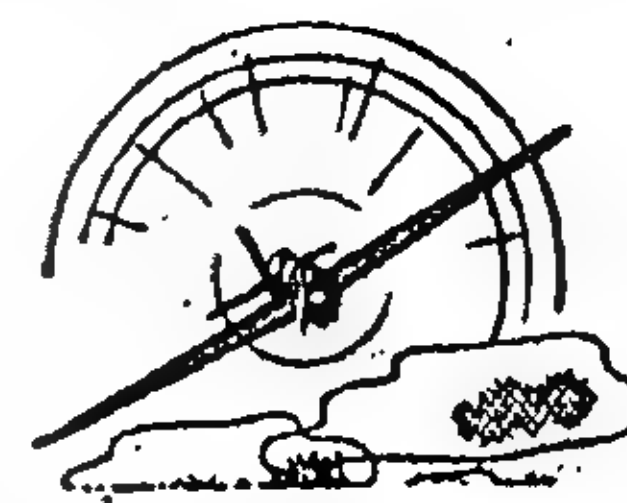
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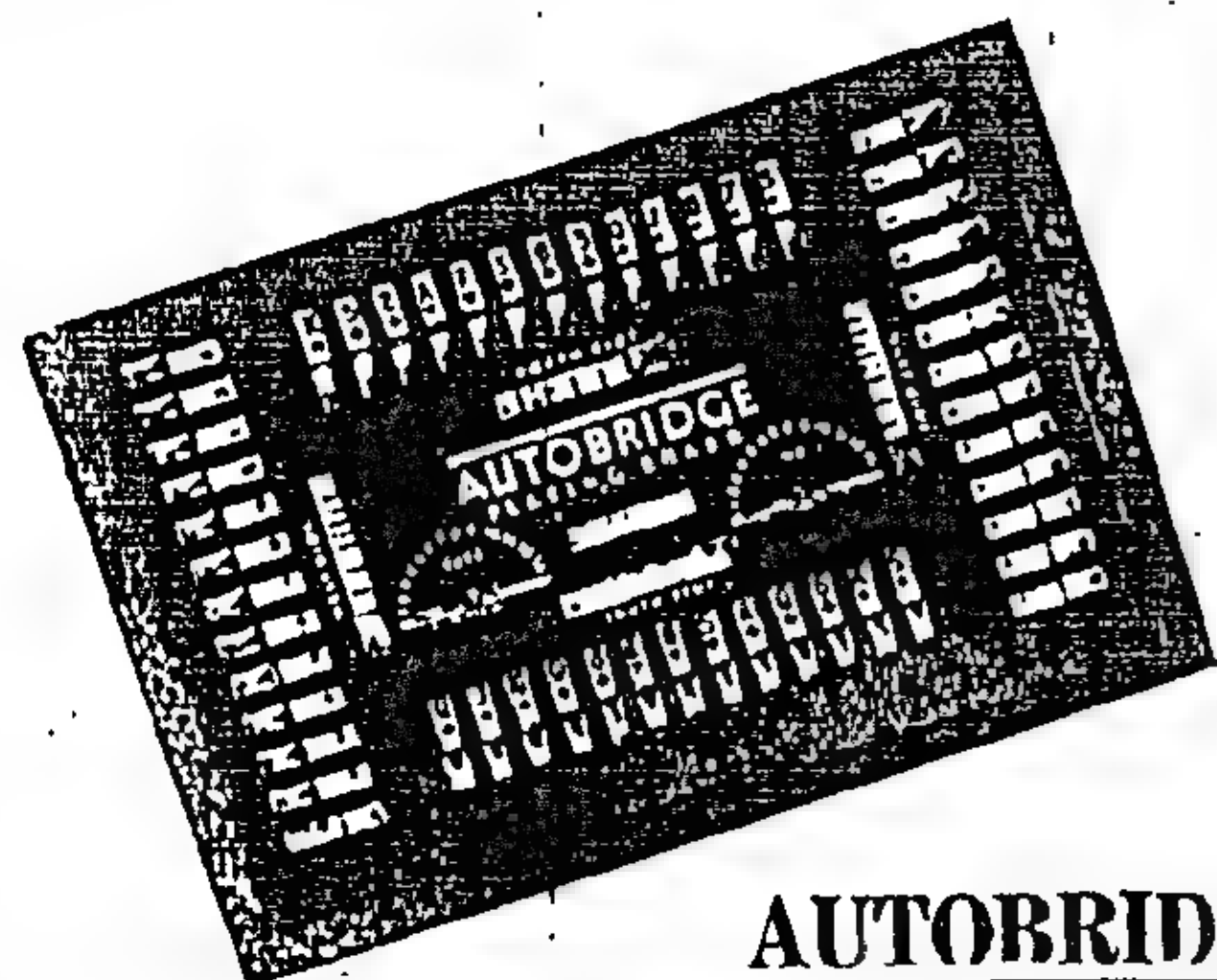
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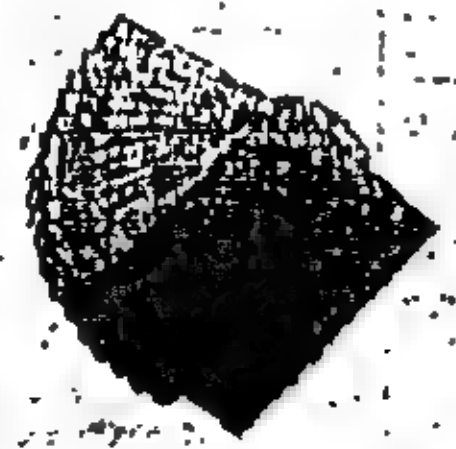
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Marksman Wins Spring Handicap From Rose Evelyn

THE very able manner in which Mr. P. Y. T. Wei handled Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Lancashire Chips in the Albury Handicap, which it won by three lengths from Lucky Lad (Mr. V. V. Needa), provided the highlight of the first day's racing in the Jockey Club's Easter Meeting at the Valley yesterday in bright sunshine and before a fairly large crowd.

Leading all the way round and putting up a 0.26.5 last quarter, Lancashire Chips never looked like being overhauled and thus avenged its 1939 defeat at the hands of Lucky Lad in the Melbourne Cup and Australian 'Ponies' Champions. Its success, however, gave punters only \$16.70 for a win.

Mr. Hearne Injured

Mr. Encarnacao attempted runaway tactics on Rose Evelyn in the Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap, but Mr. Needa rode a very well-judged race on Mr. Anharby's Marksman, this year's champion sub, to secure a 1½ lengths verdict after a thrilling duel up the home straight. Collie Star, second in the 1939 Suba. Championships, was third.

Mr. "Johnny" Hearne had the misfortune to come down at the start of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (second section) when his pony, Whiskey, crossed its legs. Mr. Hearne was kicked by his pony while lying on the ground and sustained a nasty blow on the temple which caused slight concussion. He was carried to the Jockeys' Room on a stretcher, where he recovered very quickly. The accident was doubly unfortunate for Mr. Hearne as he was booked to ride Mrs. A. E. Grasett's newly acquired Gladiolus in the next race, in which Mr. B. L. Tao, deputising, secured a dead-heat second place.

Royal Scot, 1936 Derby favourite went out in this race under Dr. L.

Reidy's colours, but finished second in a field of 12 starters. Mr. H. C. Pih, with two wins and a third in eight starts, headed the jockeys' table, while Mr. A. W. Raymond also had two wins, in seven starts. Mr. Lan took owners honours with two wins.

Dividends were fair, Mr. G. W. Sewell's Gordie (Mr. O. R. Sadick) up paying the highest of the day—\$78.70 for a third place. The "Double"—Moonlight View and Phoenix—paid \$30.00 to each of 110 backers.

Cash Sweep first prizes were just under the \$2,000 mark.

Racing will be resumed to-morrow, commencing at 12.30 p.m. with the 1½ hour interval after the 1 p.m. race.

1.—Taiwan Bay Handicap—First Section, Six Furlongs.

Oliver's Double Chance, 161 lbs., (A. W. Raymond) 1 Helenside, Vigorous, 160 lbs., (Ip Kui Ying) 2 Braes's Sylvandale, 163 lbs., (A. D. Coppin) 3

Also ran—Advancing Time, 163 lbs., (Ho Hong Ping); Decko, 169 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Desert Star, 165 lbs., (S. W. Pan); Ebony Idol, 148 lbs., (H. J. A. Hearne); Flybynight, 148 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); Golden Cow, 145 lbs., (C. F. Chi); Gold Sovereign, 151 lbs., (F. P. Li); Plain View, 150 lbs., (H. C. Pih); and Royal Highness, 150 lbs., (T. Y. Woo).

12 starters. Won by a neck; neck, Time: 1:32.0.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$17.30; places, 1st \$17.40; 2nd \$10.80; 3rd \$20.50.

2.—Mirs Bay Stakes—Six Furlongs. Lan's Hectic View, 148 lbs., (H. C. Pih) 1 Quartermaster's Jennifer, 157 lbs., (B. A. Proulx) 2 Hung's Blue Diamond, 152 lbs., (T. Y. Woo) 3

Also ran—Annus Bay, 145 lbs., (Ho Hong Ping); Hopeful Star, 151 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Lovely Star, 151 lbs., (C. W. Pan); and Pampose, 151 lbs., (D. Black).

7 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 5 lengths. Time: 1:26.2.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$11.80; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$5.80; 3rd \$7.10.

5.—Hongham Bay Handicap—First Section, One Mile. Lan's Moonlight View, 157 lbs., (H. C. Pih) 1 Eu Tong Sen's Rob Roy, 156 lbs., (C. Encarnacao) 2 Li Po Chun's Conquering Time, 158 lbs., (T. Y. Woo) 3

Also ran—Eve of Heaven, 156 lbs., (H. C. Pih); 15 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 2:36.0.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$11.80; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$5.80; 3rd \$7.10.

8.—Rochill Stakes—Six Furlongs. S. L. K's Rising Star, 147 lbs., (A. W. Raymond) 1 Gredka's Murrumbidgee, 145 lbs., (D. Black) 2

Also ran—Amber II, 144 lbs., (Ip Kui Ying) 3; 14 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 2:12.3.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$9.40; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$10.20; 3rd \$7.70.

10.—Hongham Bay Handicap—Second Section, One Mile. L. B's Galaxy, 158 lbs., (L. B. Chao) 1

Also ran—Cuban Love, 155 lbs., (S. W. Pan); Pal Ying, 158 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Lancashire Chips, 145 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); National Anthem, 145 lbs., (A. W. Raymond); Tabby Cat, 152 lbs., (H. C. Pih); Temper, 152 lbs., (L. B. Chao); and Whiskey, 150 lbs., (H. J. A. Hearne).

10 starters. Won by 1½ length and neck. Time: 1:34.2.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$24.50; places, 1st \$8.80; 2nd \$7.80; 3rd \$19.70.

11.—Hongham Bay Handicap—Second Section, One Mile. L. B's Galaxy, 158 lbs., (L. B. Chao) 1

Also ran—Cuban Love, 155 lbs., (S. W. Pan); Pal Ying, 158 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Lancashire Chips, 145 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); National Anthem, 145 lbs., (A. W. Raymond); Tabby Cat, 152 lbs., (H. C. Pih); Temper, 152 lbs., (L. B. Chao); and Whiskey, 150 lbs., (H. J. A. Hearne).

10 starters. Won by 1½ length and neck. Time: 1:34.2.

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Race 7			Race 8		
No. 3406	\$1743.00	No. 3595	\$1924.40		
" 917	498.00	" 1927	550.40		
" 708	249.00	" 1236	275.20		
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),		Unplaced runners (\$50 each),			
No. 1259, 3754, 1873, 3973,		No. 1255	\$3626.00		
2633, 1232, 410, 896, 2192, 3355,		" 3177	777.00		
3965.		" 853	777.00		
Race 9			Race 10		
No. 1765	\$1936.20	No. 1255	\$3626.00		
" 2352	553.20	" 3177	777.00		
" 4096	276.60	" 853	777.00		
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),		Unplaced runners (\$100 each),			
No. 2384, 2442, 3713, 3773,		No. 2094, 3302, 3194, 3378,			
113, 3095, 1215.		229, 3935, 3885, 3356, 3076.			

(H. J. A. Hearne): Expansion Time, 147 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Humdrum, 147 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Lillies, 147 lbs., (A. W. Raymond); Red Kestrel, 148 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); and Wind Lad, 148 lbs., (D. Black).

5 starters. Won by short head; 1½ lengths. Time: 1:57.4.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$31.00; places, 1st \$1.90; 2nd \$5.90; 3rd \$6.90.

6.—Can Drinkers' Stakes—About half mile 110 yards. S. W. Lee's February Fourth, 153 lbs., (C. Encarnacao) 1

S. T. Williamson's Sea Horse, 148 lbs., (B. A. Proulx) 2 C. N. K's Madam Star, 149 lbs., (H. C. Pih) 3

Also ran—Battleship, 145 lbs., (H. P. Chanson); Bessy, 156 lbs., (H. P. Chanson); Guinness Time, 150 lbs., (T. Y. Woo); Magog, 146 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Opening Ausman, 151 lbs., (Y. K. Wou); Jose Day, 146 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Some Hope, 146 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Thanksgiving Day, 146 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Any Time, 149 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); and Wild Cat, 142 lbs., (H. C. Pih).

14 starters. Won by 2 lengths; neck. Time: 1:12.0.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$12.90; places, 1st \$7.30; 2nd \$43.20; 3rd \$21.70.

7.—Bay Stakes—One Mile. L. W. F's Phoenix, (C. F. Chi) 1

Li Bros's Wild Bear, 152 lbs., (K. I. Ip) 2 G. W. Sewell's Gordie, 155 lbs., (O. R. Sadick) 3

Also ran—Black Diamond, 152 lbs., (G. F. Yuen); Bogey, 155 lbs., (R. C. H. G. Eyre); Birchland, 155 lbs., (S. W. Lee); Gallant Marshal, 158 lbs., (A. D. Coppin); Heddon, 161 lbs., (R. M. Wood); Kut Cheung, 152 lbs., (G. Trevorton); Matador, 161 lbs., (Chiu Ki Fan); Old Fashioned, 155 lbs., (Ho Pak Ming); Pall Mall, 159 lbs., (Ho Hong Ping); Patriotic Day, 161 lbs., (Yeung Wing Kwai); The Spirit of St. Louis, 155 lbs., (Lo G. Hin).

14 starters. Won by 1½ length; 2 lengths. Time: 2:12.3.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$9.40; places, 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$10.20; 3rd \$7.70.

8.—Rochill Stakes—Six Furlongs. S. L. K's Rising Star, 147 lbs., (A. W. Raymond) 1

Gredka's Murrumbidgee, 145 lbs., (D. Black) 2 Luminous's Amber II, 144 lbs., (Ip Kui Ying) 3

Also ran—African Diamond, 148 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); A Roaring Time, 145 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Bailin Bay, 145 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Poconon, 146 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); and Schmettering, 148 lbs., (T. W. Chatter).

8 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 6 lengths. Time: 1:20.2.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$17.50; places, 1st \$9.30; 2nd \$7.30; 3rd \$24.90.

9.—Taiwan Bay Handicap—Second Section, One Mile. Trianon's Tribute, 156 lbs., (B. L. Tao) 1

Why's Racing Boy, 155 lbs., (H. P. Chanson) 2 J. M. Smith's Meteor, 151 lbs., (C. F. H. Churchill) 3

Also ran—Cuban Love, 155 lbs., (S. W. Pan); Pal Ying, 158 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Lancashire Chips, 145 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); National Anthem, 145 lbs., (A. W. Raymond); Tabby Cat, 152 lbs., (H. C. Pih); Temper, 152 lbs., (L. B. Chao); and Whiskey, 150 lbs., (H. J. A. Hearne).

10 starters. Won by 1½ length and neck. Time: 1:34.2.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$24.50; places, 1st \$8.80; 2nd \$7.80; 3rd \$19.70.

11.—Hongham Bay Handicap—Second Section, One Mile. L. B's Galaxy, 158 lbs., (L. B. Chao) 1

K.C.C. Win Junior Cricket League Title

Brilliant All-Round Display By McKenzie: Police Out For 75

THANKS chiefly to the brilliant all-round form of W. L. McKenzie, Kowloon Cricket Club won the Junior Cricket League yesterday at Happy Valley through a fine win over Police Recreation Club by 29 runs.

Batting first, K.C.C. fared disastrously against some excellent bowling by Fay and Pope and lost their first five wickets for only 15 runs.

A stand between McKenzie and S. A. Gray saw the score raised to 53 when Gray was caught by Pope off Carey for an invaluable defensive innings of 17. McKenzie left at 89 after having scored 32 out of 74, including six boundaries.

G. E. Taylor and A. A. Dand played useful double-figure innings and the score was taken to 104, a small enough total considering the size of the ground.

However, McKenzie, who opened Kowloon's bowling, struck a length right away, and rendered valuable assistance by Taylor and Lay, had the Police batsmen fighting for runs throughout.

Nevertheless, with 5 wickets down and 54 runs on the board, Police prospects appeared bright, but with the distinct "tail" in the team, however, the innings did not last a great deal longer and the whole side were out for 75.

Kowloon's fielding was very keen and little was given away.

KOWLOON C.C. 2ND XI:
F. A. Broadbridge, l.b.w., b Fay 0
W. Mulcahy, b Fay 5
T. A. Madar, b Fay 0
G. A. Goodban, b Pope 1
B. D. Lay, b Pope 4
S. A. Gray, c Pope, b Carey 17
W. L. McKenzie, b Stephens 10
G. E. Taylor, c Fyffe, b Carey 19
R. Baldwin, b Pope 0
A. A. Dand, not out 14
H. Brokenshire, l.b.w., b Carey 0
Extras (B9, LB2) 11

Total 104

LAWN BOWLERS PREPARING FOR LEAGUE SEASON

The 1939 Lawn Bowls League will commence towards the end of this month, and several Clubs took the opportunity yesterday of having a roll up. Kowloon Bowling Green Club, entertaining and bending Dockyard Recreation Club by 25 shots in a six rink game and Civil Service's team of four beating Kowloon Tong by one shot.

Several non-racing members of Caledonian Cricket Club had an enjoyable afternoon, but no scores were kept, while, though their ground is not yet quite ready for bowls, several Civil Service Cricket Club members had a game on their green.

K.B.G.C. WIN
At Austin Road, Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Dockyard Recreation Club by 25 shots.

Meyer's rink registered a six, Penney's four scored at only five and two singles at the last two ends gave Gill's rink a 20-19 win. A 3 and 1 at the last two ends saw Drew's rink tie 18-18 with Randle's four.

K.B.G.C. D.Y.R.C.
Lockhart Pope
Waterton Walker
Macfarlane A. Kirman
Randle Drew

(Skip) 18
Dixon Bicknell
Jack Watson Harper
Hall Coombes
R. Duncann Gill

(Skip) 19
John Watson O'oran
Maughan Wilkinson
Drake Hopkins
Meyer Hollidge

(Skip) 26
Searle Hammond
K. Hamilton Oakenfull
White Turpin
Thomson Lewis

(Skip) 20
Phillips Deacon
P. Hamilton Tomlin
Logan Atchies

(Skip) 35
W. Macfarlane Penny
Walker Morton
J. S. Dinnen Hodder
W. Gill S. M. White

(Skip) 16
Holland Hoskins
(Skip) 184
109

KOWLOON TONG BEATEN
At Kowloon Tong, Civil Service Cricket Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association by 20 shots to 19.

The visitors scored 2, 1 and 3 at the last three ends.

C.S.C.C.
H. Gittins S. Stevens
T. Gowers L. Collyer
A. Gray T. Haynes
(Skip) 10 (Skip) 20

CRICKET TABLE TO DATE

LEAGUE II				
K.C.C.	P. W. L.	D. Tie	Pts.	
Recrelo	9	6	0	4 0 19
H.K.C.C.	9	5	2	0 17
University	8	4	1	4 0 18
Police	8	4	1	2 15½
Navy	8	2	4	0 15
C.C.C.	9	2	4	0 9
C.S.C.C.	9	1	4	0 7
I.R.C.	9	1	5	2 1 6½
Army	9	0	6	3 0 3

K.C.C. AGAIN LOSE TO NAVY

With all their recognized batmen falling with the exception of Comdr. Lees, who played a brilliant innings for 87, Royal Navy, however, beat Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly match at Cox's Road by 38 runs.

Baxter, who opened K.C.C.'s bowling, was always difficult to play and he took the first four wickets to fall for only 26 runs. His final analysis was 4 for 43.

Going in at the fall of the third wicket, Lees was last man out for 87, scored out of 129. He hit two sixes and 11 fours in an invaluable display.

Kowloon started well and had 100 on the board for the loss of only four wickets. The tall-enders, however, felled badly and the remaining six wickets added only 24 runs.

Mackay was top-scorer with 47, scored out of 60 in 20 minutes. He included one six and eight fours in an impressive display, scoring freely in front of the wicket.

K.C.C. have only been beaten three times in their entire programme of League and friendly matches this season and all occasions were at the hands of Navy.

ROYAL NAVY
Rev. Chapman, b Baxter 16
Capt. Whitmarsh, b Baxter 16
Lt. Walters, b Baxter 11
Lt. Manners, c Broadbridge, b Baxter 8
Comdr. Lees, b E. F. Fincher 87
Lt. Talbot, b Lee 6
Lt. Holdsworth, b Lee 6
P. O. Clark, b Lee 14
Surg. Lt. Comdr. Fincher, run out 6
O. S. Christison, run out 8
C. P. O. Paxton, not out 1
Extras 0

Total 162

BOWLING ANALYSIS
O. M. R. W.
Lee 18 0 69 3
Baxter 10 1 43 4
Anderson 5 0 35 0
E. F. Fincher 3 0 15 1

KOWLOON C.C.
F. J. Lay, c Manners, b Finnie 13
D. J. N. Anderson, b Christison 14
E. F. Fincher, l.b.w., b Manners 12
N. A. E. Mackay, b Paxton 47
K. M. Baxter, l.b.w., b Paxton 19
R. E. Lee, b Paxton 3
E. C. Fincher, b Christison 4
G. Stone, not out 0
G. A. Mike, b Christison 0
G. W. Gill, b Whitmarsh 0
R. T. Broadbridge, b Whitmarsh 0
Extras (B9, LB2, NB1) 12

Total 124

BOWLING ANALYSIS
O. M. R. W.
Whitmarsh 18 0 69 3
Christison 13 4 36 3
Finnie 3 0 27 1
Paxton 8 1 17 3
Manners 4 0 21 1

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 107

MIDDLESEX WIN
At Sookunpoo, Middlesex Regiment beat Army by 1 wicket in a friendly match.

ARMY
Dvr. Logan, b Patterson 13
Cpl. Webb, b Patterson 10
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Man, b Patterson 5
Cpl. Blount, l.b.w., b Painter 13
Lt. Skipwith, b Painter 3
S/Sgt. Patterson, b Painter 4
Cpt. Whittman, b Painter 7
Capt. Lawrence, b Hatfield 1
Spr. Bulley, not out 22
Major. Swyers, not out 21
Extras (B6, LB1, WB1) 8

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 107

BOWLING ANALYSIS
O. M. R. W.
Patterson 11 3 28 3
Hatfield 14 4 24 1
Painter 11 2 32 4
Chatton 2 0 15 0

MIDDLESEX
Pte. Jones, c Bailey, b Whetton 31
Lt. Man, l.b.w., b Whetton 1
Lt. Weedon, b Blount 1
Sgt. Painter, c Skipwith 5
B'out 5
Major. Worlton, b Ratcliffe 10
Lt./Col. Jones, b Ratcliffe 13
Lt.-Col. Newham, c Logan, b Blount 1
Blount 1
Pte. Hatfield, c Brakenbury, b Ratcliffe 6
Pte. Chatton, c Logan, b Blount 6
Pte. Cutler, b Ratcliffe 8
P.S.M. Patterson, not out 8
Extras (W2, B8, LB1, NB1) 13

Total 111

HONG KONG BEAT SHANGHAI BY 4-0

PARTAUD SINGH SCORES "HAT TRICK" TO ENABLE INDIA TO AVENGE 'Y' DEFEAT

DISPLAYING brilliant stick-work and proving the most dangerous of the Indian forward line, Partaud Singh scored two glorious goals to complete his own "hat trick" and help avenge India's defeat by 3 goals to 2 at the hands of European "Y" last Tuesday, when India won by 3 goals to 1 after sharing two goals at the interval yesterday on the "Y" ground at King's Park.

The game was played at a terrific pace and the Indians' better stamina and lasting powers in the grueling last quarter of an hour turned the tables in their favour when Partaud twice cut through on his own, his second effort commencing at the half-way mark, to place the issue beyond doubt with a magnificent scoop goal while travelling at top speed.

India fielded a very powerful attack although Prasad Nath, at centre-forward, was never given much room in which to manoeuvre, McEldan's great spitting front-kick most of his scoring opportunities.

Brilliant stick-work by Pyara Singh and Naran Singh, the two inside-forwards, had a demoralising effect on Y.M.C.A.'s defence in the last 15 minutes, and as a result McEldan and Kuepels and Taylor and Ackrill were forced into mistakes.

One of the outstanding features of India's display on the whole was their quick tackling. They rarely allowed a "Y" player to keep the ball for any length of time, and shortly before the interval repeatedly robbed the home halves.

In Shah Wali, India possess a dangerous right-winger, who was, however, inclined to be offside, although on three occasions his terrific speed carried him through "Y" defence for a parting shot which went right across the "Y" goal in a flash.

BENWELL BRILLIANT

For "Y", Benwell gave a superb display in goal, his brilliant handling of high and low shots evoking repeated applause from the spectators. In the many mêlées which ensued during the later stages of the first half,

Benwell's splendid covering of his socks undoubtedly prevented goals, Taylor was fairly consistent throughout, while Ackrill shone in the second half, but he was not as fast as the Indians in the second half.

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MISS HARKER'S FILM CONFISCATED

Miss Betty Harker, member of the Hong Kong Ladies' Interport hockey team, had the film taken out of her camera by Chinese officials after she was seen taking snaps in Swatow.

On the way back to the steamer, Miss Harker found very nearly had her fountain pen snatched from her blazer pocket by a coolie.

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Spectacular Win Due To Speedy Attack Three Goals In 11 Minutes In Second Half

Shanghai, Yesterday. Displaying far superior stickwork and being considerably faster on the ball, Hong Kong beat Shanghai by four clear goals, after leading by a goal at the interval, in the ladies' Interport hockey match at Kiao Chow Park this afternoon.

In the four Interport matches played to date for the White Shield Hong Kong have won three times and drawn once.

Mrs. Read, centre-forward, opened the scoring in the first half, during which the Hong Kong team were setting down to a really fast game. The second half provided thrilling play, the speedy Hong Kong forward line sweeping down the field with perfect passing movements time and again to score goals through Mrs. Dalziel, inside-left, Mrs. Read, centre-forward, and Miss Westcott, outside-left, in the course of the first 11 minutes of the half.

Hong Kong's spectacular triumph is attributed to their exceptionally strong forward line, supported by accurate hitting half-backs.—Reuter.

Hong Kong:—Mrs. J. Lunson (H.K. Ladies); Miss G. White (St. Andrews); and Miss E. M. Gray (H.K. Ladies); Mrs. I. Stone ("Y" Ladies); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A. Ladies) (Captain) and Miss H. Reid (St. Andrews); Mrs. O. Burnett ("Y" Ladies); Miss B. Harker ("Y" Ladies); Mrs. M. Read ("Y" Ladies); Mrs. F. Dalziel (H.K. Ladies) and Miss M. Westcott ("Y" Ladies).

Shanghai:—Misses U. Paetz, E. Bloomfield, M. Osa, I. Wilkinson, M. Balingall, M. Malinovsky, J. McKeown (Captain), D. Eardley, M. Sheridan, N. Kelly, and U. Berg.

Chinese Dinner

The Interport team were to be entertained at a Chinese dinner last night, while the Interport dinner is to be held next Tuesday at the Shanghai Race Club.

The two remaining fixtures are against the Rest of Shanghai to-day, and the Green, Shanghai Ladies' champions, to-morrow.

Brief Survey Of First Three Interports

The first Interport match between Hong Kong and Shanghai took place at the Kiao Chow Park, on January 16, 1939, when Hong Kong won by an only goal, scored by Miss Margaret Woolley (now Mrs. G. A. White) in the 10th minute of the second half.

Known as the "Spectacular Interport", this match was played on the outdoor ground under appalling conditions, the surface being sandy from heavy autumn rain and, as a result, goals were removed by many players during the early stages of the encounter.

The second Interport was held at Shanghai in the following season, on February 2, 1939, the match being played at the Lanchow Stadium in conditions which were far worse than in the first Interport.

Two practice matches which were scheduled to precede the Interport match had to be cancelled owing to weather conditions, and as a result Hong Kong's team did not have a practice knock-up.

The Interport match was eventually played on a ground covered in snow and badly cut up by the Interport football match, which had been held there the previous day.

Hong Kong had the better of the exchanges despite the extreme cold and heaviness of the ground, but it was not until midway through the second half that Miss Marie Smith, brilliantly took the ball down the right-wing to centre across Shanghai's goalmouth for Miss Phyllis Gittins to score with a first-time effort.

The third Interport match was played on February 12, 1937, on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at Shanghai, though the better team, Shanghai, played.

Shanghai played hockey while Hong Kong on this occasion depended on individualism.

After a goalless first half, Miss Mary Sheridan, who was Shanghai's outstanding forward, gave the North team the lead with a fine goal, but Hong Kong equalised through Miss Marie Smith. Soon after Miss Smith gave Hong Kong the lead and they held this slight advantage until the closing minutes, when Shanghai's forwards put up a thrilling rally to secure the equaliser just on time, through Miss Sheridan. Although extra time of 10 minutes each way was played, neither side scored again.

WEEK'S TENNIS

The following is this week's Colony Lawn Tennis Championship programme at H.K.C.C.:

TUESDAY

Open Singles: Tsui Yun-pui v. A. Crawford (4).

Open Doubles: Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau v. T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff (Stand Court); Lim Thian-tet and Stephen Wong v. A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios (8).

WEDNESDAY

Open Singles: I. M. A. Razack v. Lee Wai-tong (8).

Open Doubles: Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui (holders) v. Lim Thian-tet and Stephen Wong v. A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios (Stand Court).

THURSDAY

Open Singles: Tsui Wai-pui (holder) v. H. D. Runah (Stand Court); S. W. Liang v. Ho Ka-lau (8).

FRIDAY

Open Singles: S. A. Runah v. Lim Thian-tet (Stand Court).

Open Doubles: Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau or T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff (8).

"Y" TENNIS TOURNAMENT THIS AFTERNOON

An American tennis tournament will be held by European Y.M.C.A. to-day at King's Park, commencing at 2 p.m. Members who entered for last week's tournament, which was postponed owing to the weather, are invited to be present.

NINE C.B.A. LOSE 1-0 TO 10 H.K. LADIES

Playing without a goalkeeper and centre-forward, C.B.A. Ladies yesterday lost to Hong Kong Ladies, who were without a full-back, by the only goal, scored in the second half, in their Brawn Cup encounter on the former's ground.

The game was very scrappy and neither side made much headway, both sets of forwards being inclined to bunch in the circle.

Miss G. Wong, C.B.A. captain, played a magnificent game to keep the score down.

Miss S. Baskett, who was the only goalkeeper on view, played a very sound game between the sticks and made two good clearances from Miss E. Woolley's stick during the first half, on one occasion smothering a shot a few yards from her goal-line.

C.B.A. full-backs were seen at their best during the first half, Miss Grimmit being very clever with her timely interceptions, clearing the ball with accuracy and distributing in the right direction.

Miss G. Swan, Hong Kong Ladies' centre-half, was a tower of strength in spilling, although inclined to give Miss E. Woolley a little too much rope, thereby throwing an extra burden on the only full-back, Miss Colley, who was passed on several occasions by opposing players who, however, lacked the finishing touches.

Miss V. Gordon-Smith was the most effective half-back on view, her sound positioning and steadiness throughout being very praiseworthy.

There was little to choose between the respective forwards, although Miss Quin, Hong Kong Ladies' centre-forward, has shown vast improvement in the last two months and yesterday cleverly deflected the ball to her inside forwards from clearances by her halves and back.

Miss Blackburn was a very hard worker on the left-wing, but Mrs. Goldman, inside-right, was too fond of the reverse-stick, although she paved the way for the only goal when she took the ball up to the goal line and then centred across the goalmouth for Miss Blackburn to apply the finishing touch.

BROWN CUP TABLE TO DATE

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

Recreo "A" .16 13 1 2 30 40 27

H.K. Ladies .14 12 2 0 29 7 24

D.G. School .14 8 2 4 23 7 20

Scarfords L. .16 9 2 3 23 20

C.B.A. Ladies .15 4 8 3 26 28 11

C.B.A. Ladies 16 2 9 5 14 32 9

St. Andrews .16 4 11 1 14 33 9

Recreo "B" .15 2 10 3 8 30 7

NO GAME PLAYED IN SWATOW

The Ladies' Interport hockey team did not play in Swatow as was arranged due to the fact that as a result of which they were travelling, was due to sail at 5.30 p.m. and Swatow were unable to raise a team before 4.30 p.m.

It is hoped to arrange a game on the return trip.

CHAMPIONSHIP UNCERTAIN

An intriguing position has arisen in the Brawn Cup League as a result of the two fixtures between Hong Kong Ladies and Diocesan Girls' School, who have each claimed two points as a result of defaults.

Hong Kong Ladies, however, now desire to play off both matches if Diocesan Girls' School are agreeable as victory in both these fixtures will give them the Brawn Cup trophy, while a victory and a draw will result in a tie with Recreco "A" for the championship, in which case Hong Kong Ladies will have to play-off with Recreco "A" for the title.

Recreco "A" are, however, in somewhat of a quandary as two of their girls are shortly travelling to Shanghai with a Recreco badminton team and they want to hold this play-off, if necessary, before the end of this week if that is possible.

Another complication has arisen, however, in that Miss B. Greaves, D.G.S. captain, is away in Shanghai with the Interport hockey team and nothing can be done until she returns to the Colony, probably a week to-morrow.

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Members of the newly-formed Hong Kong Racing Pigeon Club are reminded that the first trial flight will be held to-morrow.

Birds will be liberated at Kowloon Canton Railway Station at 10 a.m. Local fanciers desiring to join the Club are invited to attend. They will be able to receive all particulars from the Club's Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. A. Castro, who will be in attendance.

KOWLOON BEAT VALLEY

THE annual match between Kowloon Golf Club and the Happy Valley team, played on Good Friday on the Kowloon course, resulted in a narrow victory for Kowloon by 16½ to 15 points. The issue was in doubt to the last game, which was decided on the 18th green.

Details of the play are as follows:—

Kowloon		Happy Valley	
W. R. K. Collings	1½	W. J. S. Key	—
E. F. Fincher	—	L. Goldman	—
A. J. Dennis	½	A. McKellar	—
W. S. Hillier	—	W. Sharp	—
A. Eastman	—	J. W. Macdonald	—
W. V. Ahern	—	A. D. Humphreys	—
W. G. Simpson	—	D. Forbes	—
F. C. Barry	—	W. F. Barnes	—
J. D. Thompson	—	D. Humphreys	—
G. Milne	—	T. Low	—
G. P. Murphy	—	E. A. R. Selby	—
T. Lamb	—	F. E. Booker	—
D. J. N. Anderson	—	F. Buckle	—
A. Davies	—	G. E. Willerton	—
E. C. Fincher	—	G. T. May	—
W. Baskin	—	N. J. Booker	—
Totals	7½		
FOURBALLS		SINGLES	
W. R. K. Collings	—	W. J. S. Key	—
E. F. Fincher	—	L. Goldman	—
A. J. Dennis	—	A. McKellar	—
W. S. Hillier	—	W. Sharp	—
A. Eastman	—	J. W. Macdonald	—
W. V. Ahern	—	A. D. Humphreys	—
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T. Lamb	—	F. E. Booker	—
D. J. N. Anderson	—	F. Buckle	—
A. Davies	—	G. E. Willerton	—
E. C. Fincher	—	G. T. May	—
W. Baskin	—	N. J. Booker	—
Totals	2½		
Grand Totals	16½		

SWEEPSTAKE WIN FOR KITTIWAKE

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Sweepstake race over 11.7 miles yesterday resulted as follows:

Yacht	Corrected	Pos'n.
Kittiwake	17.09.21	1
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La Linda	17.09.31	2
(Mrs. M. I. Johnston)		
Redhawk	17.09.53	3
(Miss M. Whitman)		
Nereid II	17.12.02	4
(Lt. Fanshawe, R.N.)		
True Blue	17.12.31	5
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)		
Gull	17.15.07	6
(Mr. A. O. G. Wills)		
Isobel	17.15.09	7
(Major Tompely)		
Evo	D.N.F.	
(Major Archer)		

Roberts (Lt. J. Stanley)

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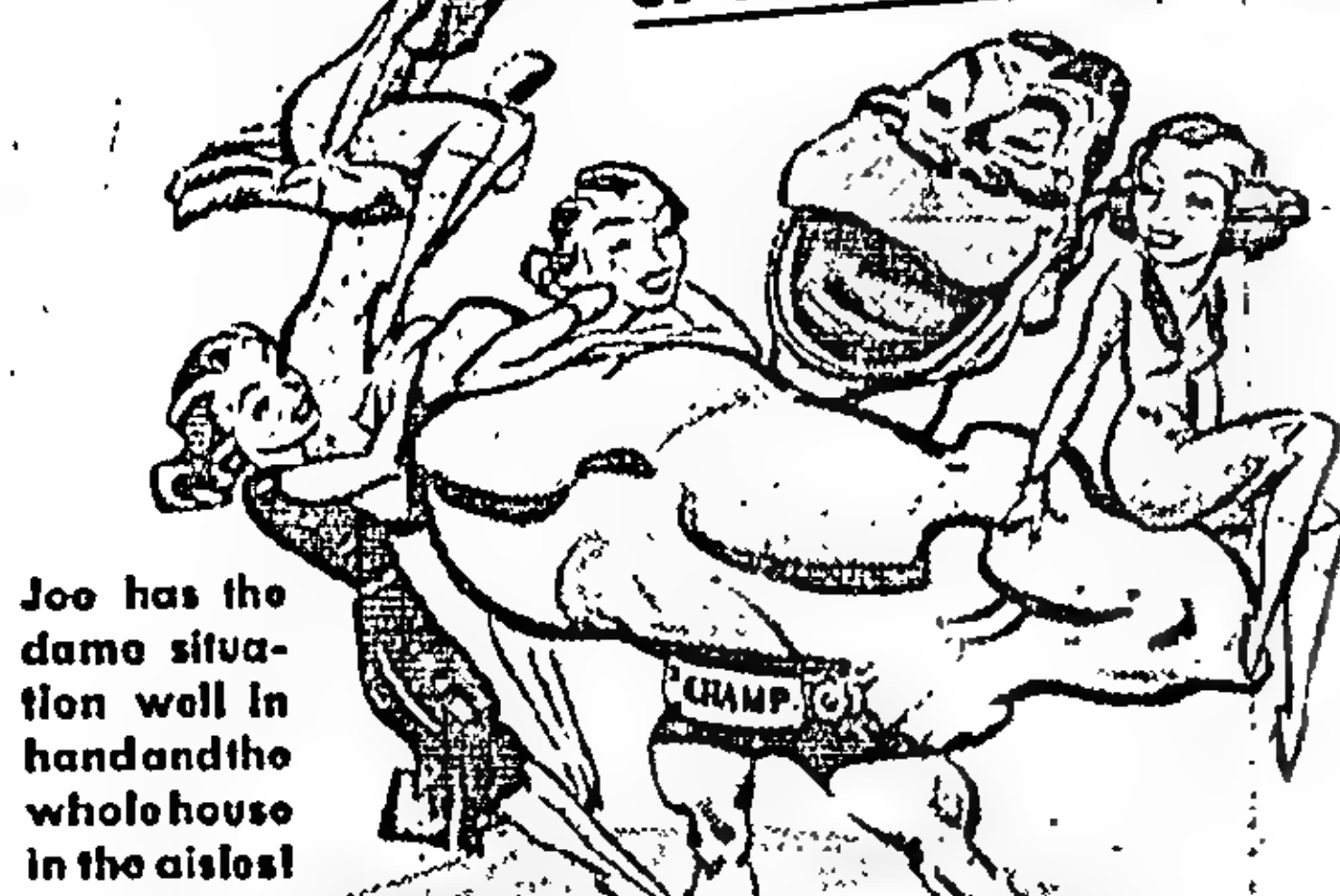
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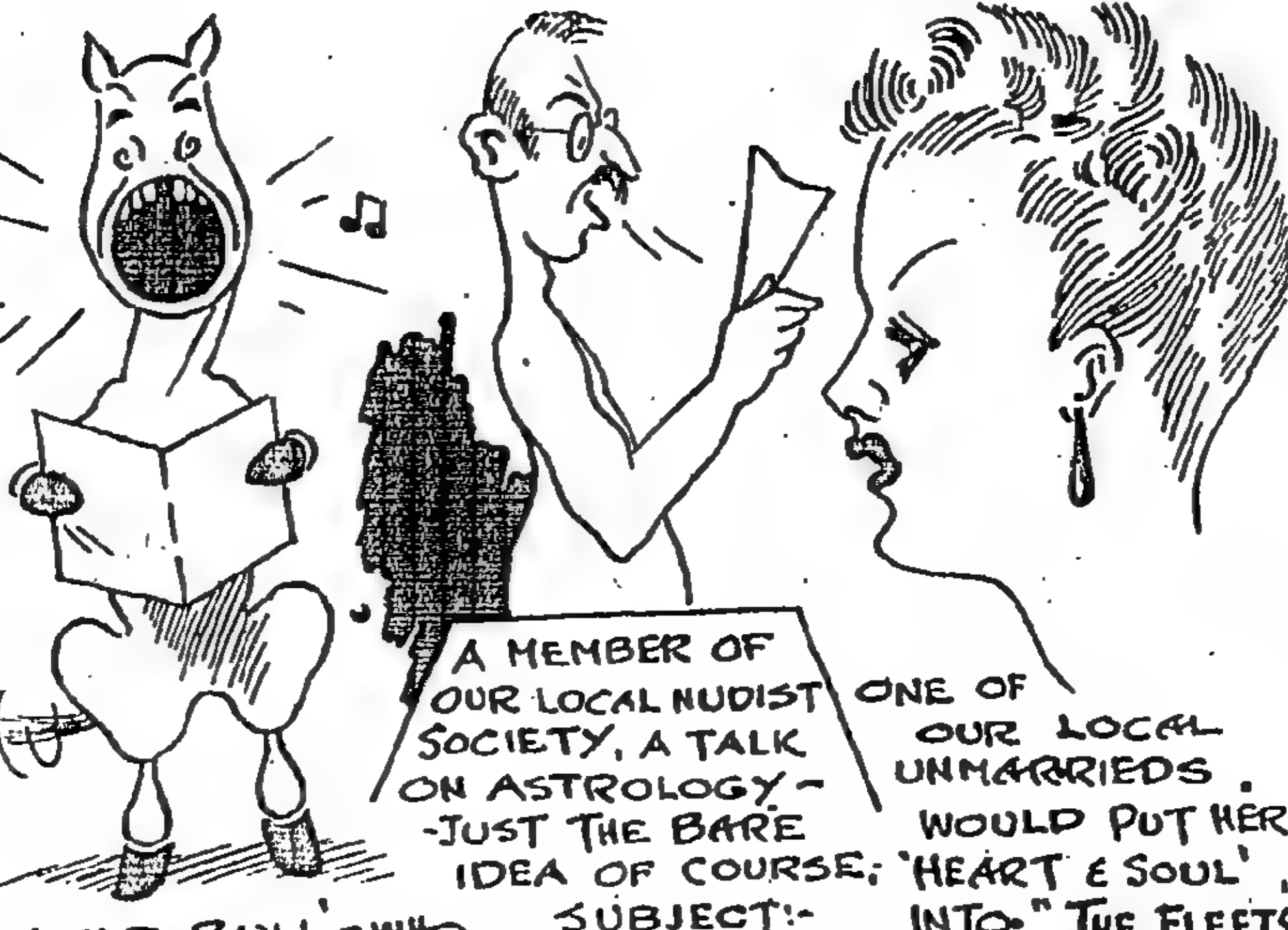
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ON THE AIR TO-NIGHT

AN HOUR OF MENDELSSOHN

10-11 a.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.
 11 a.m.—12.15 p.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral.
 12.15 p.m.—Schubert—Lebenssturm, Op. 144. Arthur Schnabel & Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Pianos).
 12.28 p.m.—Schubert—Quintet In A Major, Op. 114 ("Trout" Quintet). Backhaus (Piano), Mangelut (Violin), Howard (Viola), Withers (Cello) and Hobday (Double Bass).
 1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
 1.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by the Blue Danube Trio—Santo, Ekan and Gyarmati (from the Parisian Grill).
 1.38 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
 1.40 p.m.—Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Act II. M. Sheridan (Soprano); L. Mannarini (Mezzo-Soprano); Cecil (Tenor); Palai (Tenor); Weinberg (Baritone); Gelli (Bass) and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabajno.
 2.30 p.m.—Close down.
 7 p.m.—An hour with Mendelssohn including his Piano Concerto No. 1.
 8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
 8.03 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor) & Marek Weber & His Orchestra. "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Selection (Mancini). Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
 Nirvana (Weatherly-Adams) Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.
 "Die Fledermaus"—Selection (J. Strauss)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
 The Unforgotten Melody (Lockton-Wood). For Love Alone (Selvick-Thayer)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.
 Hall, Vienna—Potpourri (Dostal)... Marek Weber & His Orch.
 You Will Remember Vienna (film "Viennese Nights")... Richard Crooks (Tenor) assisted by Edna Kellogg with Orchestra.
 "Gaiety"—Selection (Jones)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
 8.45 p.m.—London Relay — Easter Carols and Hymns. A Recital by The B.B.C. Midland Singers. The Strings of the B.B.C. Midland Orchestra conducted by Edgar Morgan with W. K. Stanton at the Organ. From the Royal Institution for the Blind, Edgbaston, Birmingham. A Brighter Dawn; Come ye Faithful; Raise the Strain; The Kink of Love my Shepherd is (English Hymnal); Hall, Easter Bright! Glory to God; Feast to Save Mankind; Most Glorious Lord of Life; Come ye Faithful; Raise the Anthem; This Joyful Easter-tide; God be in my Head.
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay — Sunday News and Newsletter.
 9.35 p.m.—London Relay — Sports Talk.
 9.45 p.m.—Choral & Organ Music. The Heavens Are Telling ("The Creation—Haydn")... The Choir of Temple Church, London with G. Thalben-Hell at the Organ. Fantasia In B Minor (Mozart)... G. D. Cunningham (Organ).
 10 p.m.—London Relay — Cards on the Table. An exchange of views between speakers from different parts of the Empire on news of the day.
 10.30 p.m.—Close down.
 10.35 p.m.—Close down.

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SOUTH CHINA "A" WIN SENIOR SHIELD

ROYAL SCOTS BEAT MIDDLESEX IN GRAND JUNIOR LEAGUE FINAL

TWO Army sides, Royal Scots and Middlesex, contested the Final of the Junior Shield on the Club ground yesterday, the former winning after a great game by 4 goals to 3.

Had Middlesex shown any punch at forward the result would have been very different, but many fine chances were lost through lack of shooting power in the front line.

The Scots' forwards were always more dangerous than their opponents and took full advantage of the opportunities offered them. The first two goals were if anything against the run of play, but that they went to the Scots is ample proof of their effectiveness.

Middlesex defence were very sound, Thomas (R.), in the centre-half berth, keeping them well together. The only weak link was at left-back, where Thompson was unsafe. McEachern was a hard worker in the forward line and was always worrying the Scots' defenders.

Keane was the brains of the Scots' attack and in Williamson he had the ideal leader, for the centre-forward shot from any position whenever he received passes. Wiseman played a clever game at inside-left and Gilroy did well on the wing, but Gibb was a little slow on the right.

Play opened with Middlesex attacking strongly, and the Scots' defence had a hard time keeping them out. Nevertheless, first blood went to the Scots, who scored through WILLIAMSON, who headed a good centre from Wiseman into the net. It was not long before the Scots went further ahead, Williamson sending the ball back to KEANE, who netted with a grand drive from 30 yards.

Middlesex, who were still having the greater share of play, reduced the arrears through McEACHERN, who hooked the ball into the net after a centre by Comer, the ball going in off a defender. Play continued to be very even but slightly in the Scots' favour until half time.

On the resumption, Middlesex reopened the attack and pinned the Scots in their own half, but, owing to the ineffectuality of the forwards, little danger was threatened. The Scots then broke away on the right wing and the Middlesex goalkeeper

70 MINUTES ONLY

In the Junior Shield match between Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Scots it was agreed at half time by the respective Officers in charge of football that the final score at the end of 70 minutes' play should be allowed to stand.

It was brought to the notice of the Officers concerned, at half time, when Royal Scots were leading by 2 goals to 1, that Junior Shield Finals are of 90 minutes' duration and so the agreement was made, respecting the final score.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

SENIOR SHIELD FINAL
S. China "A" 5 Police 3
Lai Shui-wing 2 (1 Pen.), Fung King-cheung, Lee Yan-leung, Howlett (own goal), Man-kwai.

JUNIOR SHIELD FINAL
Middlesex 3 Royal Scots 4
Jennings, McEachern, C. Thomas.

FIRST DIVISION
Royal Scots 0 Kowloon 1
Retelston.

League Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
S. China "A"	19	15	0	4	69	20	30		
Navy	19	13	3	3	59	21	29		
Eastern	20	13	3	4	52	31	29		
Middlesex	20	9	3	8	43	37	21		
Kowloon	20	9	3	8	25	28	21		
S. South "B"	20	8	3	9	37	36	19		
Kwong Wah	20	6	6	8	34	44	18		
Police	20	9	0	11	47	55	18		
Royal Scots	20	5	7	8	39	58	17		
Club	20	4	1	15	32	67	9		
St. Joseph's	20	2	3	15	30	64	7		
Totals	218	93	32	93	467	467	218		

SECOND DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
South China	22	18	2	2	64	24	38		
Middlesex	22	18	1	3	82	30	37		
5th A.A. Regt.	22	17	3	2	61	22	37		
Royal Scots	22	16	1	5	72	23	33		
Kwong Wah	22	13	0	9	64	57	26		
R. Engineers	22	12	0	10	58	50	24		
R.A.O.C.	22	9	2	11	54	65	20		
Kowloon	22	7	0	15	36	58	14		
Police	22	6	2	14	27	75	14		
St. Joseph's	22	6	1	15	33	73	13		
Eastern	22	0	5	17	19	71	5		
Club	22	1	1	20	17	82	3		
Totals	264	123	18	123	587	587	264		

But Play Well Below Their True Form

KOWLOON BEAT ROYAL SCOTS IN LAST GAME

Kowloon finished their season's Senior League football by defeating Royal Scots by the only goal of a match, which was spoiled by a high wind that made the ball very difficult to control. Play was very even throughout, and a draw would have been a more fitting result, for although Kowloon cannot be considered lucky to have won it was only a last-minute individual effort that gave them victory.

Royal Scots started with only 10 men as Duncan did not appear until 15 minutes after the kick-off. Very little was seen of either forward line and it was the defences of both teams that deserve the praise. Duncan had very little to do in the Scots' goal and cannot be blamed for the goal scored as he was completely unsighted at the time. Fraser was very steady at left-back, and his kicking and tackling were always clean and forceful. His partner, Nymsmith, excelled himself and played one of his best games this season.

Marshall played his usual good game, but once again he was too inclined to roam round the field and leave the opposing centre-forward unmarked. John Brown and Clark played well and had their work cut out marking the wingers, who were both fast, but they managed to keep their forward line well supplied with the ball.

FORWARDS AT FAULT
Little can be said of the forwards except that had they been able to shoot without hitting the ball high in the air a far different story might have been told. McEachern, centre-forward, was mainly at fault in this respect, for from these lapses he played an intriguing game and was often responsible for some very dangerous raids on the Kowloon goal. Bailey tried hard, but it does not appear as if he is yet ready for First Division football. Little was seen of Parnaby at inside-right, but this can be accounted for the fact that he and previously always played at left-back. Cook was the best of the wingers, but he too must be blamed for not using his own initiative instead of always running up the field and then passing straight into the centre, irrespective of whether there was anybody there or not.

BELL PROMINENT
Kowloon noticed a slightly altered team, Bliss returning to his old position of centre-half, while Jorge was a very notable absentee. Bell, who started the season as a half-back, played a wonderful game at left-back and has improved 100 per cent. in the last month or two. He was easily the best back on the field, his coolness whilst under pressure being an outstanding feature of the game. Humbersome has only recently taken up goalkeeping but is already proving himself to be very useful. Yesterday, although he never had much work to do, he showed good form, but he has yet to learn to hold a ball cleanly, for he is apt to push the ball on to the ground and bounce it whilst he is being harried by the attacking forwards.

Bliss did not play as well as he usually does and on several occasions was guilty of mis-kicking and bad positioning. Hornball was easily the cleverest half-back on view, his accurate passes to the forwards being especially noticeable.

WHITE MOST DANGEROUS
Knot and Santos make a very clever wing combination as they are both fast and tricky, but unfortunately neither of them could shoot and they had to be content with taking the ball well into the opposing team's half and then rely on their centre-forward to score. This policy did work as Retelston was badly off form and missed several opportunities, but he deserves praise for the goal he scored just before the final whistle. Eastman was also off

Police Lead 2-0 Early In Match But Advantage Is Soon Lost

Moss Badly Neglected When Standing Unmarked

As a result of their 5 goals to 3 victory over Police on the Club ground yesterday, South China "A" won the Senior Shield for the fourth year in succession.

Football was of a very poor quality throughout the game, although excitement was not lacking. At one time Police were two clear goals ahead, but the persistent attacking of the Chinese soon placed them on level terms.

Many questionable incidents crept into the game, but the referee kept a firm hold on the players and had to administer but a single caution. South China played much below their true form, especially in defence, where the usually solid Lee Tin-sang was badly off form, no doubt feeling the effect of being without Mak Shui-hon, whose place was taken by Lee Kwok-wai coming in at

MACAO JUNIOR INTERPORT TEAM BEAT STRAITS XI

Macao, Yesterday.
A fast and exciting football match was witnessed here last Thursday when Macao's Probable Interport team eleven to meet Hong Kong's Junior eleven, defeated the latter during Singapore Chinese Football Association team by 3 goals to 2.

Outstanding performances were given by Kong Kwai-leung, goalkeeper, Choo Seng-que, centre-half, and Lau Kor-kho, left-half, for the visitors, while Garvino, Macao's captain, centre-half, and Rego, outside-right, were the pick of the home team.

Macao's halves gave their forwards splendid support, feeding both wingers with fine ground passes. Macao opened the scoring after five minutes when Badarone netted after Rego had hit the cross-bar with a grand drive from the wing. Singapore retaliated strongly and Chua Keng-hock came near to scoring when a terrific drive of his was just pushed round the upright for a fruitless corner. Soon after Singapore's pressure was rewarded when Chua Keng-hock equalised.

In the second half Singapore pressed from the left-wing culminated in Chua Keng-hock giving Singapore the lead. Macao's halves were at this stage tackling magnificently and repeatedly breaking up attacks, and after 10 strenuous minutes the visiting attack collapsed and Macao, crowding on pressure, equalised when Singapore's right-back handled in the penalty area and Colaco converted the "spot kick."

In the closing minutes Macao were definitely on top and it was left to Assis to give them victory when he cleverly dribbled through to score from close range.—Our Own Correspondent.

form and several times missed the ball when only a few yards from goal. White was easily the best of the Kowloon forwards, as he not only helped the defence when pressed but was always in the forefront of any attack.

The referee was just getting ready to blow his whistle for time when Retelston beat three men and then found himself on the right wing. Without hesitation, however, he cut straight back into the centre and sent the ball into the corner of the net with Duncan completely unsighted.

KOTEWALL CUP GAME TO-DAY

A very interesting soccer match should be witnessed on the Navy ground to-morrow, when Army meet South China in the second game of the Kotewall Charity Cup competition, commencing at 4 p.m.

Army have made several changes, including the introduction of several junior players.

The intermediate line is comprised entirely of junior players, with Shaw filling the important centre-half berth.

Army's attack is a very good one with Emberson and Courtney, two of 15 players invited to Manila, forming the right-wing pair, while Calvert, who captained last year's Junior Interport team against Macao, will be the spearhead of the attack. Saw, one of the clearest inside-lefts in the Colony, will fill that position, supported by Duffield.

South China will be at full strength and for this reason must naturally commence favourites in view of their impressive record in representative matches, although the youthful Army side is quite capable of creating an upset.

The following are the teams:
Army: Duncan (Royal Scots), Fraser (Royal Scots) and Sheehan

(Middlesex); Bides (Ordinance Corps), Shaw (R.E.) and May (R.A.); Emberson (Ordinance Corps), Courtney (Middlesex), Calvert (R.A.), Saw (Middlesex) and Duffield (Ordinance Corps).

Reserves: Moxham (R.E.), Corbin (R.A.), Wilkinson (Middlesex), Guy (R.A.), Flandors (R.A.), McDonald (R. Scots) and Lang (Ordinance Corps).

South China: Pau Ka-ping; Lee Tin-sang and Mak Shui-hon; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu and Lee Kwok-wai; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tau-man.

LAST 11 SHIELD WINNERS

The following are Shield winners during the past 11 years:
SENIOR
1928, Kowloon; 1929, South China; 1930, Somerset; 1931, South China; 1932, South Wales Borderers; 1933, South China; 1934, South Wales Borderers; 1935, South China "B"; 1936-38, South China "A".

JUNIOR
1928, Chinese Athletic; 1929, K.O.S.B.; 1930, Chinese Athletic; 1931, Royal Navy; 1932, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; 1933-34, Royal Navy; 1935-37, Royal Engineers; 1938, Kwong Wah.

WILD CATS WIN WOMEN'S TITLE AT SOFTBALL

The Wildcats secured the distinction of being the first team to win the Women's Softball League when at Recreio yesterday they defeated Wahoons in the all-important game by 9 runs to 4.

The champions had only eight players and the Mar sisters were the outstanding players of the team. Wildcats, excepted at base-stealing, through which they scored most of their runs.

Wahoons had a great chance to make the game closer when in the fifth innings, with only one down and bases loaded, they could not score. Miss Safford was struck out and Miss Castille followed suit. Wahoons were harder hitters than Wildcats, but their field work was not so good. Miss Noronha pitched a good game for the Wahoons, while Miss Y. Yello, first base, and Miss Castille, short stop, were safe with grounders.

The outstanding player for Wildcats was Miss Lily Mar, who worked up a good understanding with Miss Doris Mar, the catcher. At short stop, Miss Mary Chung, stopped everything in her territory and covered well.

BANK BEAT EWO
Hong Kong Bank beat Ewo by 11 runs to 3 in the Inter-Hong Softball League yesterday, the game being featured by the excellent pitching of Gosano.

Ewo were not at full strength and had to recruit two players. E. Silva performed surprisingly well as pitcher, backed as he was by such poor fielding.

Gosano was also prominent with his hitting and scored a home run for the Bank, while Hung registered one for Ewo.

WIN FOR ELECTRIC
In the other Inter-Hong game, Electric beat Lucas by 14 runs to 13 on the La Salle ground yesterday morning.

M. A. Razack started on the mound for the Electricians but was very unsteady in the first inning and his side was saved by the excellent work of the infield. Razack improved later and played a good game.

Both teams were well supplied with hitters, but Lucas were not so safe in their fielding. Laurel, for Lucas, was outstanding at bat, having hard luck when out at home on a good hit after bringing Chang and Arculli in.

The Electric Co. were well served by Britto, first base, and Sabhan at second. Razack, Electricians' pitcher, was hurt in the later stages of the game and Souza, who took his place, pitched a good inning.

TO-DAY'S SOFTBALL

The following is today's Softball programme:—
Women's International Britain v China (C.B.A., 10 a.m.).
Portugal v Philippines (Recreio 11 a.m.).

Inter-Hong League Socony v Hong Kong Bank (C.B.A., 11.15 a.m.).
Lat Tak v Union (Lat Tak, 2.15 p.m.).

Leung, Fung King-cheung, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tau-man.
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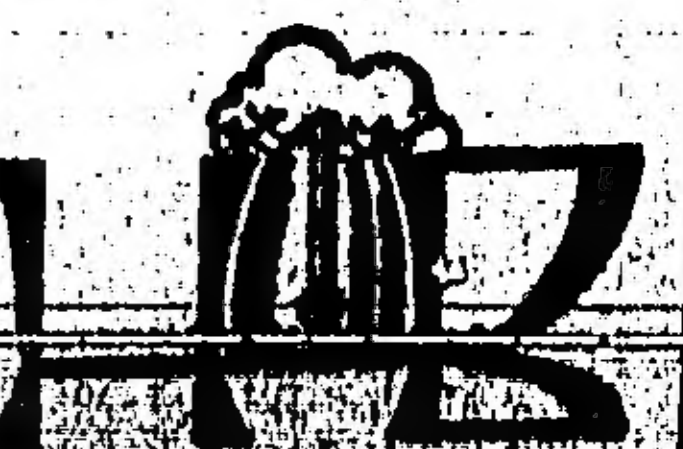
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ON Christmas Eve Colonel Johnson, Chief Constable of Middleshire, went in response to a telephone call from Superintendent Sugden to investigate the murder of old Simeon Lee, diamond merchant millionaire. Johnson took with him his guest, Hercule Poirot. The victim's throat had been cut in a room where the door was locked on the inside and the windows were fastened. No trace of the murderer or his weapon could be found, but a great deal of blood had been spilled about the disordered room. Simeon Lee had reported to the police the loss of a number of un-

cut diamonds he kept in his safe. Johnson questioned members of the family house-party. George Lee, Simeon's son, said he had just finished telephoning at the time of the crime. His wife, Magdalene, said she, too, was at the telephone. Harry Lee admitted that he was the prodigal son, just home after years abroad, and that at a family conference after tea that day Simeon had talked of altering his will after Christmas. Harry and his brother Alfred (who with his wife Lydia lived with Simeon) were arguing in the dining-room after dinner when they heard the old man scream. Their brother David was at that time in the music-room with his wife, Hilda. Pilar Estravados, half-Spanish granddaughter of Simeon—told of the theft of the diamonds—said she suspected Horbury, the valet, who "listened at doors." Stephen Farr, house guest, son of Simeon's South African partner, said he was playing dance records in the ballroom—hoping Pilar would join him—when he "heard the rumpus."

Johnson looked at his watch. "Nothing much more that I can do here. You've got things well in hand, Sugden. Oh, just one thing. We ought to see the butler fellow."

Tressilian came in slowly. The Chief Constable told him to sit down. "Thank you, sir. I will, if you don't mind. I've been feeling very queer—very queer indeed. My legs, sir, and my head."

Poirot said gently: "You have had the shock, yes." The butler shuddered. "Such—such a violent thing to happen. In this house! Where everything has always gone on so quietly."

Poirot said: "It was a well-ordered house, yes? But not a happy one?" "I wouldn't like to say that, sir."

"In the old days, when all the family was at home, was it happy then?"

Tressilian said slowly: "It wasn't, perhaps, what one would call very harmonious, sir."

"The late Mrs. Lee was somewhat of an invalid, was she not?"

"Yes, sir, very poorly she was."

"Were her children fond of her?"

"Mr. David, he was devoted to her. More like a daughter than a son. And after she died he broke away—couldn't face living—here any longer."

Poirot said: "And Mr. Harry? What was he like?"

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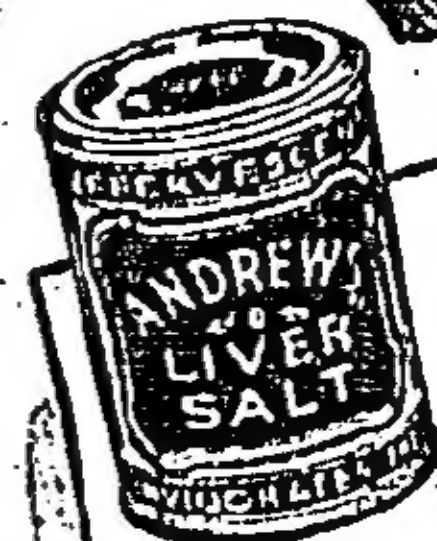


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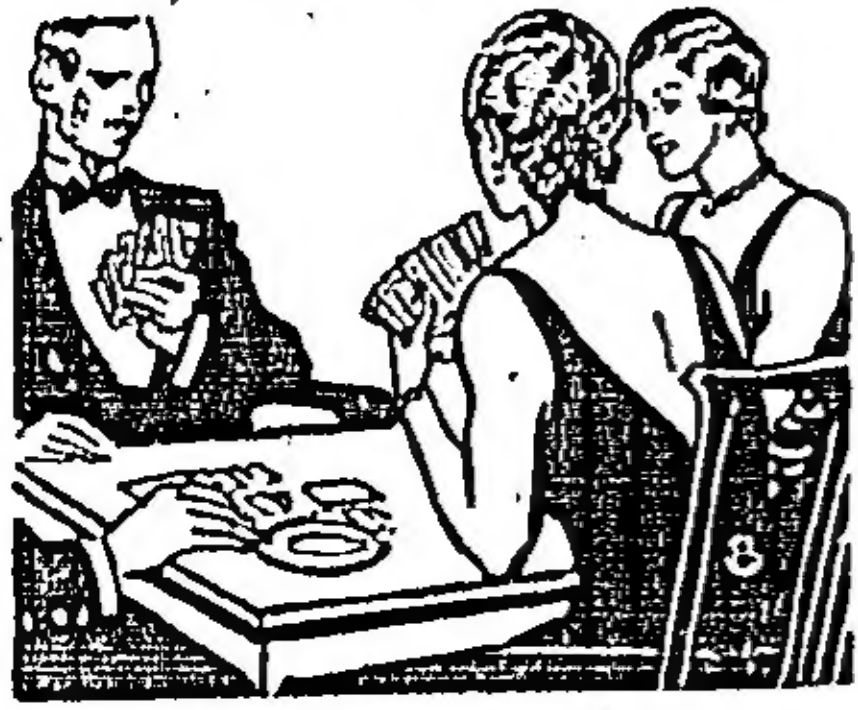
BRIDGE NOTES

BY ELY CULBERTSON

Expert Defence

SOME of the battles waged between an expert declarer and equally expert defenders are worth the attention of war correspondents. In the hand shown below the defence was particularly splendid. Watching it, I was struck by the thought that East and West had borrowed Verdun's immortal slogan, "They shall not pass!"

South, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.



NORTH
S-K 6 5 2
H-6 4
D-K 7 5 3
C-K Q 10

WEST EAST
S-J 7 3 S-Q 10 8
H-A J 10 8 5 H-9 3 2
D-J 6 D-Q 10 2
C-J 8 4 C-9 7 6 2

SOUTH
S-A 9 4
H-K Q 7
D-A 9 8 4
C-A 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 no trump Pass 3 no trump Pass
Pass Pass

Since North had two honour tricks divided among three suits and a total of five honour cards, his double raise was correct.

West made his proper opening lead, the heart jack. Declarer won with the king. (It would have done no good to concede the first trick. West would lead another low heart, thus leaving a heart in East's hand for communication purposes.)

Declarer could count only eight top tricks. The ninth might be established in either diamonds or spades, but one thing was vital, to keep East out of the lead and thus prevent a heart return through the remaining Q 7. The obvious solution was to attempt to pass a diamond (declarer had eight diamonds and only seven spades) into West's hand. As the best means to that end, declarer led a low club to the queen and returned the three of diamonds, intending to put in the nine spot if East played low. But East was not in accommodating humour. One thing he knew: if declarer had the A J of dia-

monds the queen wasn't worth a hoot. But East had been up against thousands of situations in which declarer's proper plan was to pass a trick into the nondangerous hand, and this looked like just such a case. West's opening lead, in connection with declarer's winning with the king, might very well be from a holding of A J 10, and that would require a lead-through by East.

With nothing to lose and possibly something to gain, East shrewdly jumped up with his diamond queen on the lead from dummy declarer was forced to win (or face a heart return), and at this point West rose nobly to his partner's example. He played the diamond jack on declarer's ace! If he hadn't, another diamond lead would have settled the defenders' hash. West would have been politely presented with the jack on the next lead and East would have been unable to save him.

The alert unblock put declarer back where he had started. He sensed that a third diamond lead would be fatal, giving East the lead, and hence attempted the same manoeuvre in the spade suit that he had tried in diamonds. But the defenders had tasted blood and were not to be denied. Exactly the same sequence of plays took place: on a low spade lead from dummy East put in the queen, forcing declarer to win, and West gayly co-operated by getting rid of his unwanted jack.

The declarer had acquiesced in vain. He simply couldn't throw the lead where he wanted it, and the final result, a one trick defeat of the contract, was a glorious victory for the defenders.

OVERHEARD ON THE FERRY

O, woe some one the gift to give
us, TO HEAR ourselves as others
HEAR us. (With apologies to
John Burns.)

THAT eavesdroppers hear no good of themselves is probably true, but sometimes whether we be destined to hear good or bad of ourselves or maybe, just gossip about our neighbours, we are obliged willy-nilly to listen. Voices carry on the water, especially if you happen to be sitting to windward of the speaker. He, or she, may even be sitting next to you. Ferries, especially at certain hours of the day, are crowded places and one takes a seat where one can.

As a matter of fact, in my humble opinion, the Hong Kong-Kowloon Ferry is the one democratic, truly cosmopolitan spot in a city riddled by class consciousness and snobbery. It is no good pretending on the Ferry that you are too senior to know the wife of your husband's clerk. You may quite easily find yourself glad to share the same three feet of bench with her. It is equally useless to hold the view that, as a Tai Pan, you cannot outside your Office associate with the man who is very useful to you in the office. He may, knowingly or unknowingly, push you aside on the 5.30 ferry

and, taking the last remaining seat, leave you standing (by a most embarrassing coincidence) next to the Shroff who only last week interviewed you on the subject of that overdue account which you hoped had been forgotten.

It is also no use on the ferry imagining that nobody can hear you when you retail some startling bit of gossip: "I really shouldn't be telling you, but..." or "On the Q.T. he told me that..."

One of these days I intend to confound a Ferry Gossiper by joining in the conversation, just to see what effect it would have on a thoughtless chatterer to be made aware that his, or her, conversation had been heard by a wider circle than that for which it was intended.

In the meantime it is all very entertaining—and sometimes very pathetic.

Murder At Christmas

(Continued from Page 26)

"Mr. George Lee was telephoning. Can you confirm that?"
"I think somebody did telephone, sir. The bell rings in my pantry, and when anybody takes off the receiver to call a number there's just a faint noise on the bell. I do remember hearing that, but I didn't pay any attention to it."

"You don't know exactly when it was?"
"I couldn't say, sir. It was after I had taken coffee to the gentlemen, that is all I can say."

"Do you know where any of the ladies were at the time I mentioned?"
"Mrs. Alfred was in the drawing-room, sir, when I went for the coffee tray. That was just a minute or two before I heard the cry upstairs."

Poirot asked:
"What was she doing?"
"She was standing by the far window, sir. She was holding the curtain a little back and looking out."

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"And none of the other ladies were in the room?"

"No, sir."

"Do you know where they were?"

"I couldn't say at all, sir."

"You don't know where any one else was?"

"Mr. David, I think, was playing in the music room next door to the drawing-room."

"You heard him playing?"

"Yes, sir. Again the old man shivered. 'It was like a sign, sir, so I felt afterwards. It was the 'Dead March' he was playing. Even at the time, I remember, it gave me the creeps.'

"It is curious, yes," said Poirot.

"Now about this fellow, Horbury, the valet," said the Chief Constable. "Are you definitely prepared to swear that he was out of the house by eight o'clock?"

"Oh, yes, sir. It was just after Mr. Sugden, here, arrived. I remember particularly, because he broke a coffee cup."

Poirot said:
"Horbury broke a coffee cup?"

"Yes, sir—one of the old Worcester ones. Eleven years I've washed them up and never one broken till this evening."

Poirot said:
"What was Horbury doing with the coffee cups?"

"Well, of course, sir, he'd no business to have been handling them at all. He was just holding one up, admiring it, like, and I happened to mention that Mr. Sugden had called and he dropped it."

Poirot said:
"Did you say 'Mr. Sugden,' or did you mention the word 'police'?"
"Translating looked a little startled."

"Now I come to think of it, sir, I mentioned that the Police Superintendent had called."

"And Mr. Sugden dropped the coffee cup," said Poirot.

NEXT WEEK:
"Were those funny little pebbles diamonds, sir?"

offer to do some social service. The trouble is I don't see how I could possibly make the time."

2nd: "I shouldn't try. Let those who enjoy it get on with it. Are you coming with me to-morrow to—'s sale I hear they've got some marvellous undies reduced to practically nothing...."

7 p.m.—
She: "I see somebody's going to talk at the Helena May to-morrow on Moral Re-armament. What's it all about?"

He: "Moral Re-armament? I'm not quite sure myself but I think it has something to do with not using lipstick and—"

She: "Putting more water in your gin, perhaps?"

He: "Um, perhaps."
"Eavesdropper."

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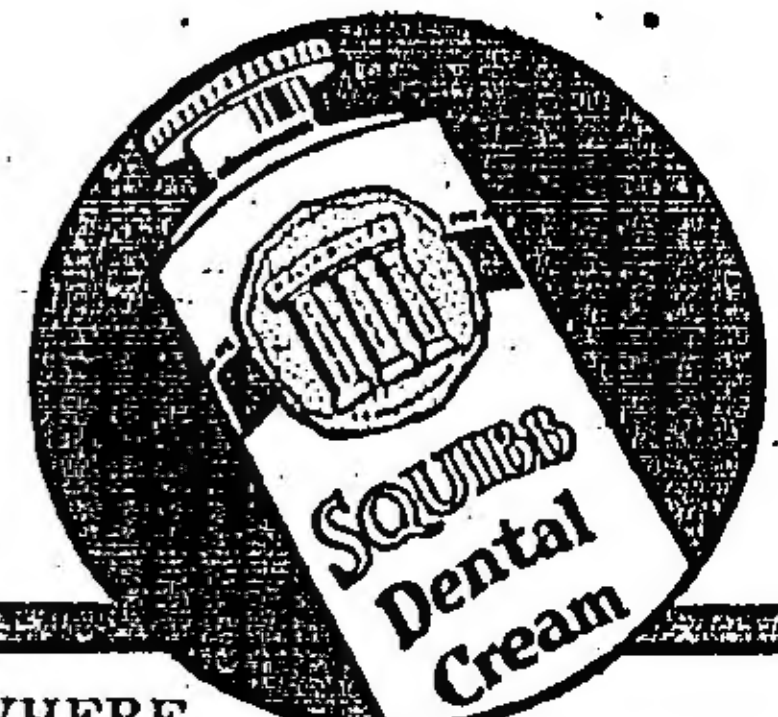
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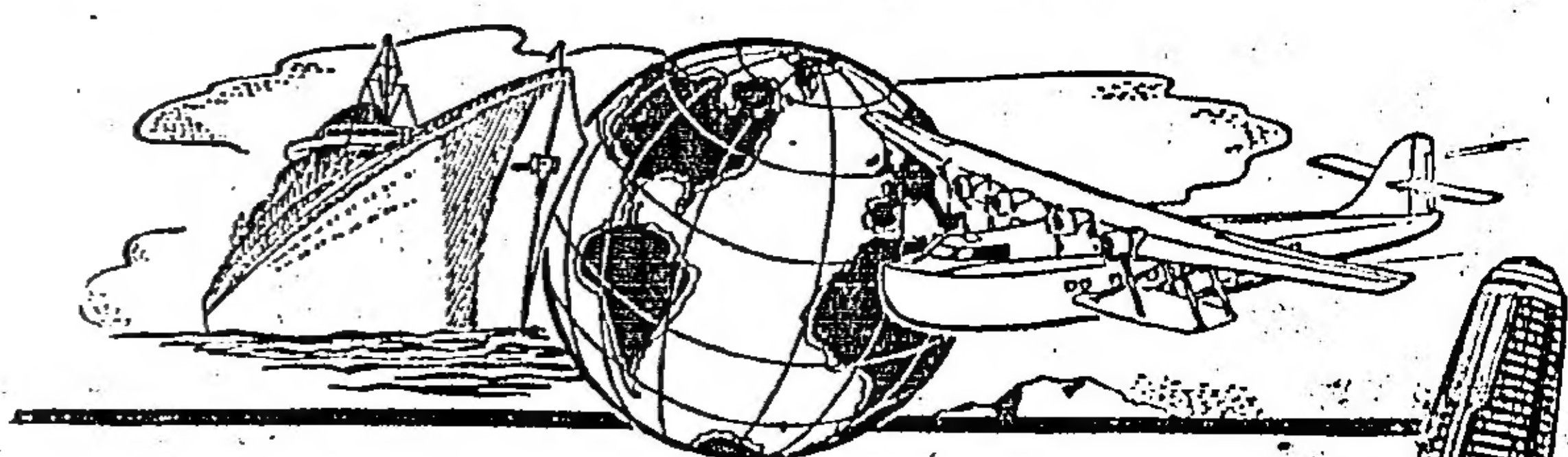
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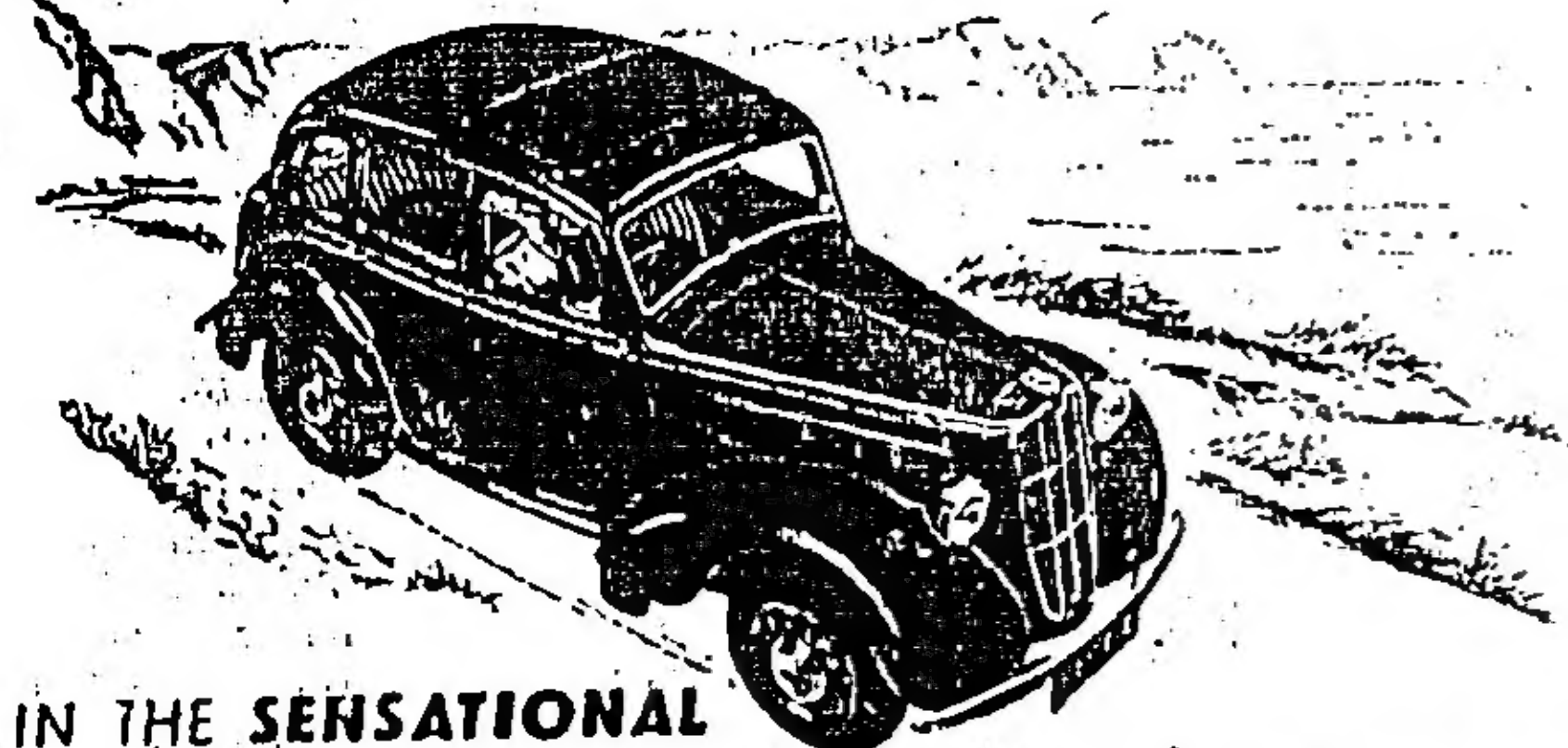
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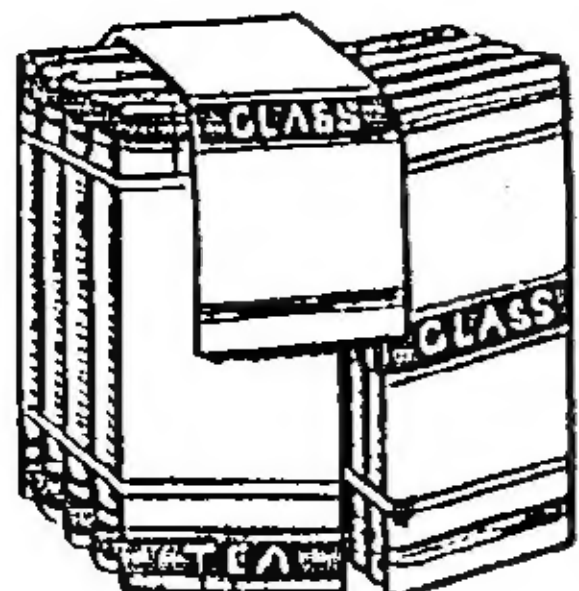
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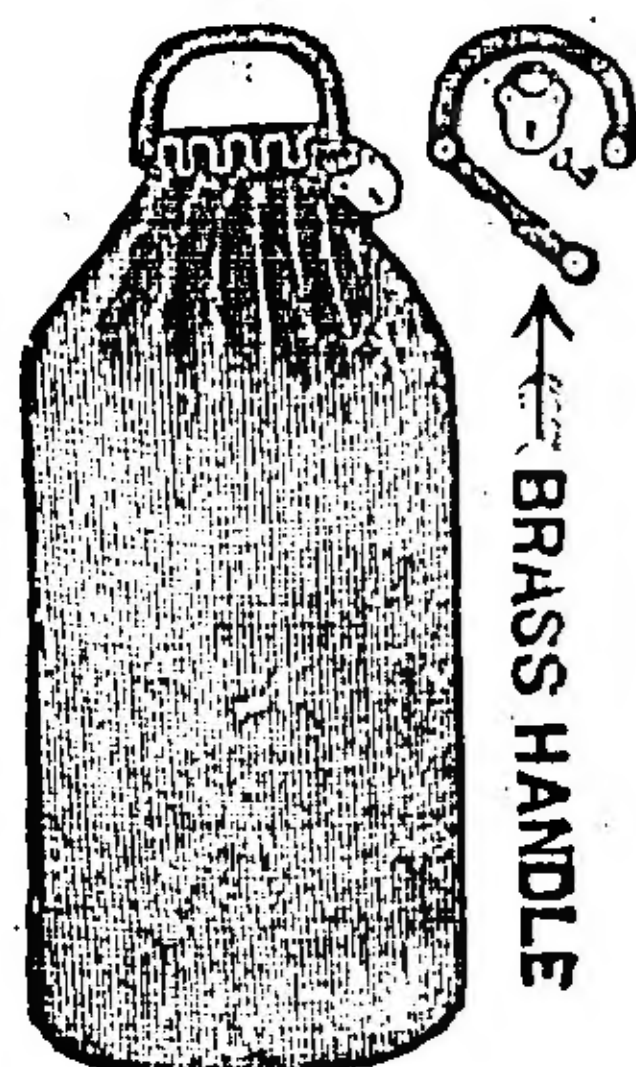
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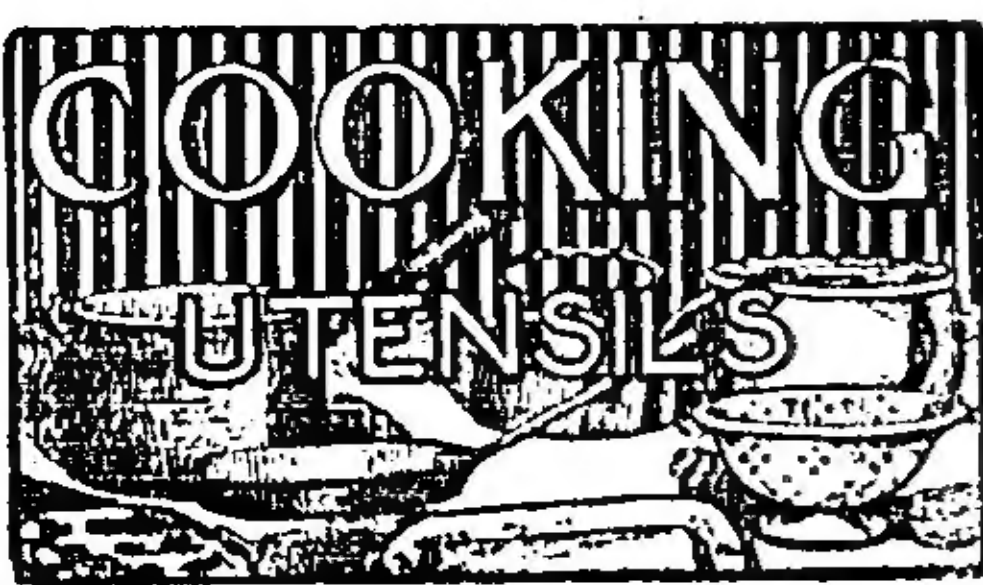
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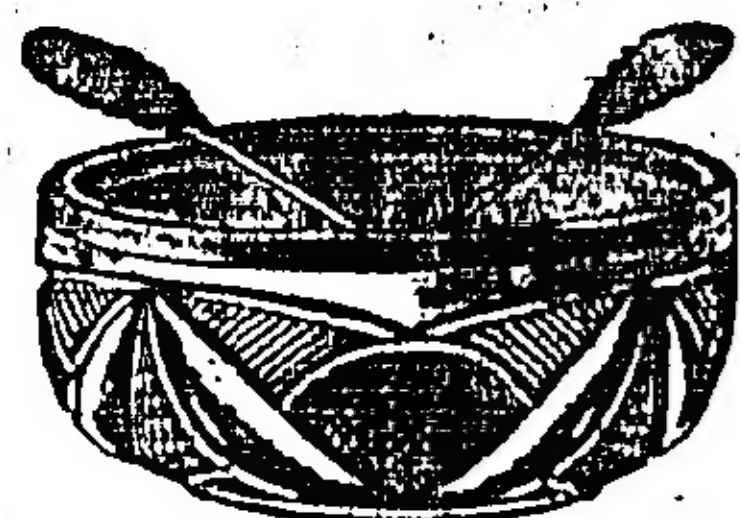


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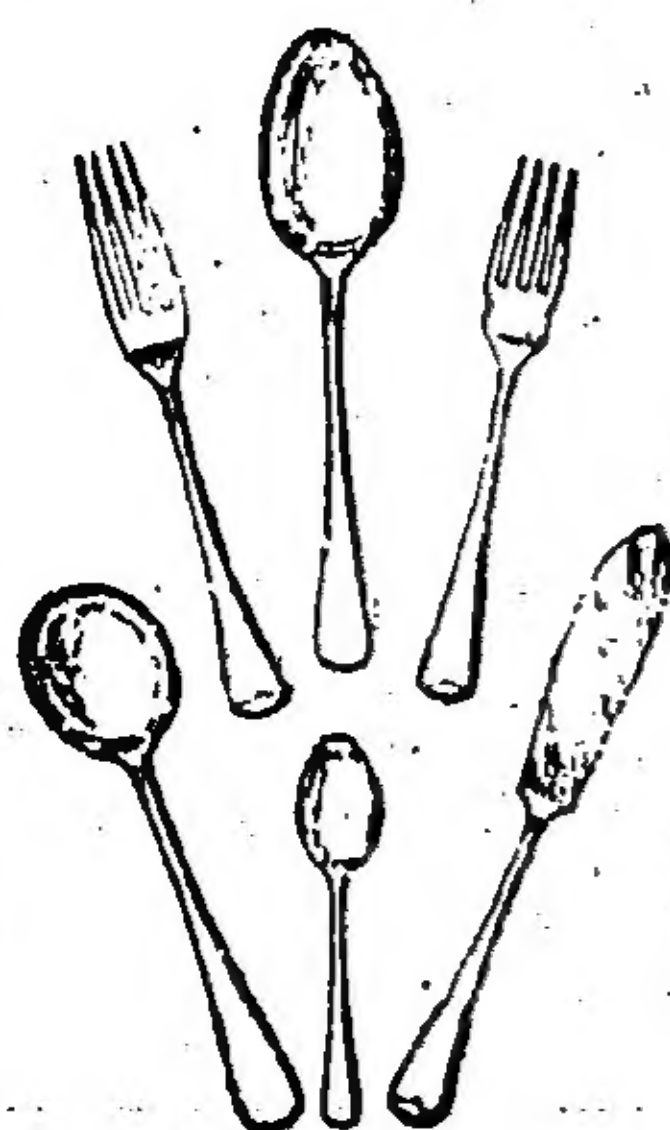
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JAPANESE DRIVEN OUT OF KONGMOON

MACAO, YESTERDAY.

THE JAPANESE, AFTER SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES, ABANDONED SUNWUI YESTERDAY MORNING, AND KONGMOON, PAKKAI AND JONGHA LAST NIGHT.

They have retreated to Kaulong, the outskirts of which Chinese troops from Kwangsi are attacking fiercely. Japanese losses in yesterday's engagements are estimated at another 1,000. The opinion is held that the Chinese are forcing the Japanese to dissipate their strength in the vicinity of Kongmoon in terrain favouring the Chinese.—Reuter.

[This confirms earlier reports of a general offensive in Kwangtung, details of which will be found in Page Five]

THREATENING WARNING TO DEMOCRACIES

Berlin, Yesterday.

In hailing enthusiastically Spain's adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact, the Nazi press addresses a threatening warning to Britain and France.

The "National Zeitung" writes: "Every new attempt by the Western Powers to exercise fresh pressure on Nationalist Spain will be regarded by the States of the Anti-Comintern as an unfriendly act and will be answered in suitable fashion."—Reuter.

KAOAN RETAKEN BY CHINESE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The recapture by Chinese troops of strategic Kaoan, on the Nanchang-Wantsai highway, was flashed in military despatches from the front today.

Kaoan, the despatches say, was re-entered at seven o'clock this morning.—Central News.

M. GAFENCU AT ISTANBUL

Istanbul, Yesterday.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, arrived here this morning from Bucharest.

He is expected to return to Rumania on Monday.—Trans-Ocean.

BIRTH

TURPIN.—At the Kowloon Hospital on 7th April 1939 to Edna (nee. Tanner), wife of C. E. Turpin, a son.

RAPIER SCORES AGAIN

The following shows how the racing selections fared yesterday in the 10 races:

"The China Mail" ("Rapier") *5 winners
"S.C. Morning Post" "Early Bird" 3 winners
"H.K. Telegraph" ("Captain Foster") 2 winners
"H.K. Daily Press" ("Last Quarter") 1 winner
* "Rapier" also nominated Hectic View as an outsider to follow, and rightly nominated the "Double"—Moonlight View and Phoenix—which paid \$63.00.

SIX AN HOUR WEDDINGS BEFORE LONDON REGISTRARS

LONDON, YESTERDAY. THE KING AND QUEEN ARE SPENDING A QUIET EASTER AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

On Sunday they are giving a luncheon party at which most member of the Royal Family will attend.

There are prospects of a fine holiday with plenty of sunshine. There has been the usual rush out of London and the usual number of Easter weddings.

Some London Registrars performed marriages at the rate of six an hour.—Reuter.

MOB STORMS INDIAN PRISON

Bombay, Yesterday.

Troops have arrived from Poona at Ramdurg, south of Bombay, where a mob sacked the State gaol, battered to death eight policemen and warders and set fire to the prison. The police fired 65 rounds and several in the mob were wounded. The military are now in control.—Reuter.

ITALIAN TROOPS TO LEAVE SPAIN

London, Yesterday.

Unconfirmed press reports state that Italian troops in Spain will be withdrawn in the near future.

It is alleged that 20,000 men will leave Madrid to-day for Almeria, whence they will embark for Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

FISHERY PACT APPROVED

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The plenary session of the Privy Council, in the presence of the Emperor, this morning approved the Fishery Pact vivendi concluded with the Soviet Union on April 2.—Reuter.

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Ludicrous Official Figures

Tirana-Durazzo road by Albanian gendarmes.

They also met some resistance from armed guerillas, who, however, are stated to be now returning to Tirana and are surrendering their arms.

Radio Restored

Wireless and telephone services have been restored in the capital, where, states an Italian communique issued this morning under a Tirana dateline, before the Italian occupation, there was the possibility of a provisional government being formed "by responsible elements who will give Albania a regime based on firm lines of justice under the auspices of Fascist Italy."

The communique, which was issued by Stefani, the official Italian news agency, states:

"Events have occurred with extreme rapidity. King Zog and the Albanian Government, realising they are no longer safe in Tirana, have abandoned the city."

Barricaded In

"Scarcely had the Government fled when shooting was heard throughout the city, particularly in the neighbourhood of the Italian Legation, between the Royal Palace and the Palace of the King's sisters."

"All members of the Italian Legation, as well as Italian inhabitants of the city, have barricaded themselves in the Italian Legation."

"Rifle fire, which assumed alarming proportions last evening after the flight of King Zog, continued till dawn to-day. The Royal Palace has been plundered."

"Tirana newspapers have brought out special editions announcing the Italian entry."—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

Troops Landed by Planes

Rome, Yesterday.

An Italian Grenadier Regiment has been landed at Tirana by aeroplane from Tarent. The landing was carried out on the airport just outside the capital.

Leaflets have been distributed announcing that Fascist troops under the command of General Guzzoni are coming to establish "a new order."

Meanwhile the Italian press accuses King Zog of having committed a breach of faith!

"Regime Fascista," in Milan, says King Zog cannot remain at the head of affairs "since he has betrayed the trust reposed in him by Italy."

This "trust," says the paper, consists of "financial sacrifices by the Italian people!"—Trans-Ocean.

Assurances To Belgrade

Belgrade, Yesterday.

Italy has given an assurance to Yugo-Slavia, according to the newspaper "Politika," that notwithstanding the Italian occupation of Albania "as soon as Italy has obtained satisfaction."

The statement says that Yugo-Slavia hopes a rapid solution will be found which will give satisfaction to the two parties without causing "the least harm" to Yugo-Slav interests.

The statement concludes by drawing attention to the agreements between Italy and Yugo-Slavia.—Reuter.

Public opinion in Belgrade is most disturbed by Italian action, but the official paper says that there will be a return to normal as soon as Italy has received satisfaction. Italy has given Yugoslavia that assurance.

Those Casualty Lists Again

Rome, Yesterday...

The first Italian casualty list with regard to the operations in Albania, which seems to be in the best Japanese style in view of reports of heavy fighting, was issued this morning.

It alleges that only eight Italian sailors were killed and 34 wounded in fighting which followed the landing.

At Santi Quaranta, one sailor is stated to have been killed and 10 wounded.—Trans-Ocean.

Breach Of Pact

The Italian action in Albania is regarded seriously in Paris although no action is contemplated.

The Quai D'Orsay has intimated that the invasion can only be regarded as in direct breach of undertakings to preserve the status quo in the Mediterranean.

Paris, Yesterday. France intends to follow the example of Britain over Albania.

Official quarters are following developments with intense interest.—Trans-Ocean.

National Anthem!

Rome, Yesterday.

The Italian national anthem was broadcast from Tirana radio station this morning.

The Italian news agency claims that many Albanian personalities called at the Italian Legation to pay homage to Italy and Mussolini.—Reuter.

CIANO PLAYS TO THE GALLERY

Rome, Yesterday.

While fighting was still going on in Albania, the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, made a dramatic dash to Tirana yesterday morning.

At least this is according to the Italian newspapers this morning.

They say that Count Ciano hopped off at 6.30 a.m. in his private plane and arrived in Albania at 8 a.m.

After ascertaining that the Italian flag was still waving over the city, he returned to Rome and was at his office by 11 a.m.—Trans-Ocean.

EVERTON NEARLY CHAMPIONS

London, Yesterday. The following are the results of League football matches played to-day.

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham	1	Arsenal	2
Bolton	2	Sunderland	1
Charlton	0	Aston Villa	0
Chelsea	0	Everton	2
Leeds	0	Grimaby	1
Leicester	3	Blackpool	4
Liverpool	2	Derby	1
Manchester U.	1	Portsmouth	1
Middlesbro'	3	Brentford	1
Preston	4	Wolves	2
Stoke	2	Huddersfield	2

SECOND DIVISION

Burnley	1	West Ham	0
Coventry	3	Swansea	0
Luton	2	Fulham	1
Newcastle	0	Manchester C.	2
Norwich	4	Blackburn	0
Notts F.	2	Bradford	0
Plymouth	1	Wednesd.	1
Sheffield U.	1	Bury	1
Southampton	2	Chesterfield	2
Tottenham	3	Tranmere	1
West Brom.	0	Millwall	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	2	Swindon	0
Brighton	1	Port Vale	0
Bristol R.	1	Watford	1
Cardiff	2	Aldershot	4
Exeter	1	Notts C.	0
Ipawich	4	Bristol C.	0
Mansfield	1	Clapton	0
Queen's P.	0	Newport	0
Reading	3	Crystal P.	1
Southend	2	Northampton	0
Walsall	5	Torquay	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	3	York	1
Barnsley	2	Wrexham	1
Barrow	5	Carlisle	0
Bradford C.	2	Southport	1
Chester	4	Crewe	0
Hull	2	Hartlepool	0
Hull	0	Doncaster	0
Lincoln	0	Rotherham	1
New Brighton	3	Darlington	0
Oldham	1	Gateshead	3
Stockport	1	Rochdale	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Arbroath	3	Ayr	0
Clyde	0	Albion	0
Falkirk	2	St. Mirren	1
Hibernian	1	Celtic	0
Kilmarnock	4	Hearts	1
Motherwell	3	St. Johnstone	1
Partick	4	Third Lanark	1
Queen's Park	1	Hamilton	2
Q. of the S.	1	Rangers	1
Raith	3	Aberdeen	2

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrie	6	Brechin	1
Alloa	2	Dumbarton	1
Cowdenbeath	2	East Fife	2
Dunfermline	2	Edinburgh	1
Forfar	5	King's Park	6
Montrose	4	Shussumuir	3
Morton	3	Dundee U.	4
St. Bernards	1	Dundee	1

[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

TITLE FIGHT IN LONDON

New York, Yesterday.

Henry Armstrong, the World Welter and Lightweight champion, has left for England with the object of defending his Welterweight title in London against the British champion, Ernie Roderick, of Liverpool.

Armstrong's share of the purse, it is reported, will be in the neighbourhood of £10,000.—Reuter.

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